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2. The core values

The high drama 4.

8. The escape

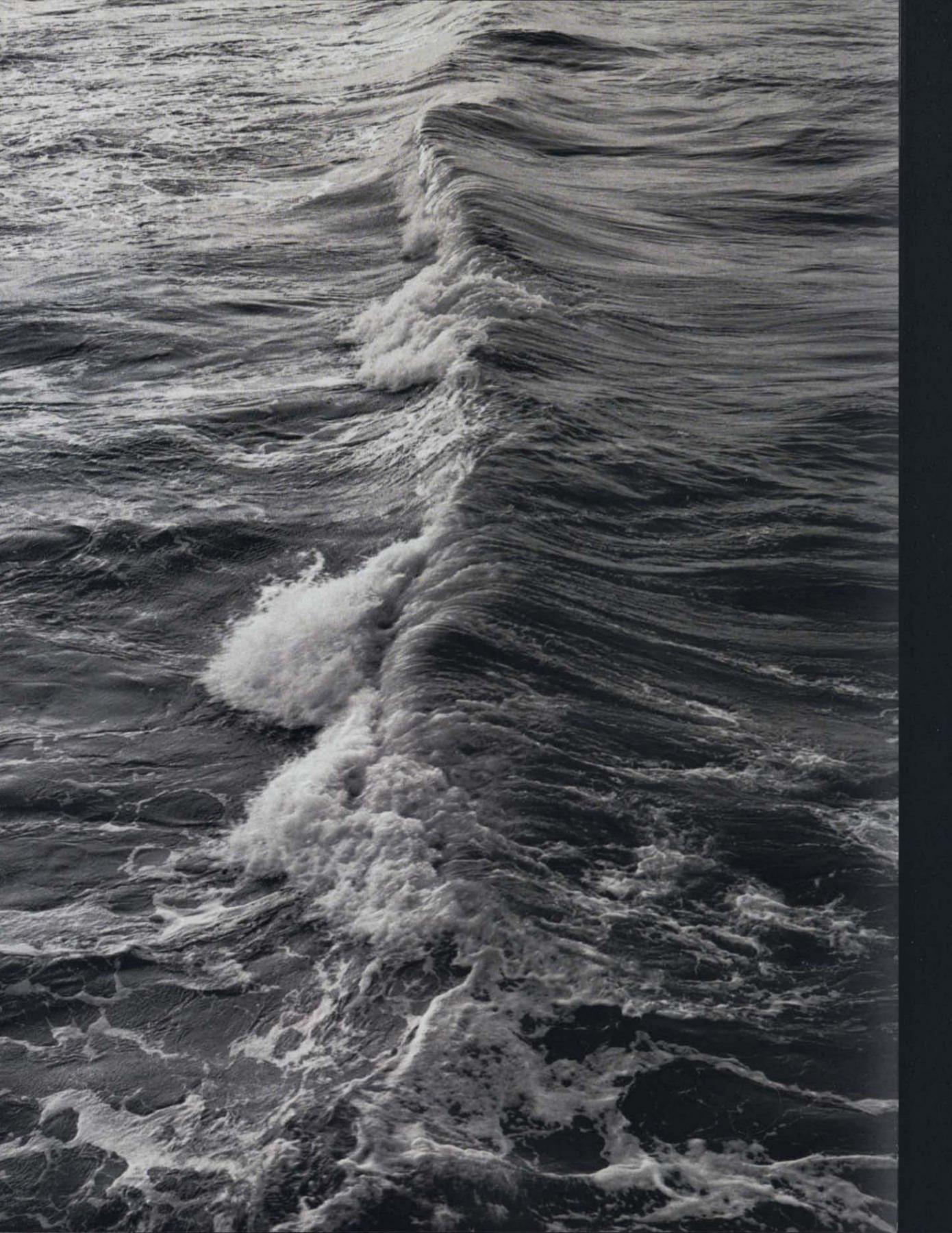
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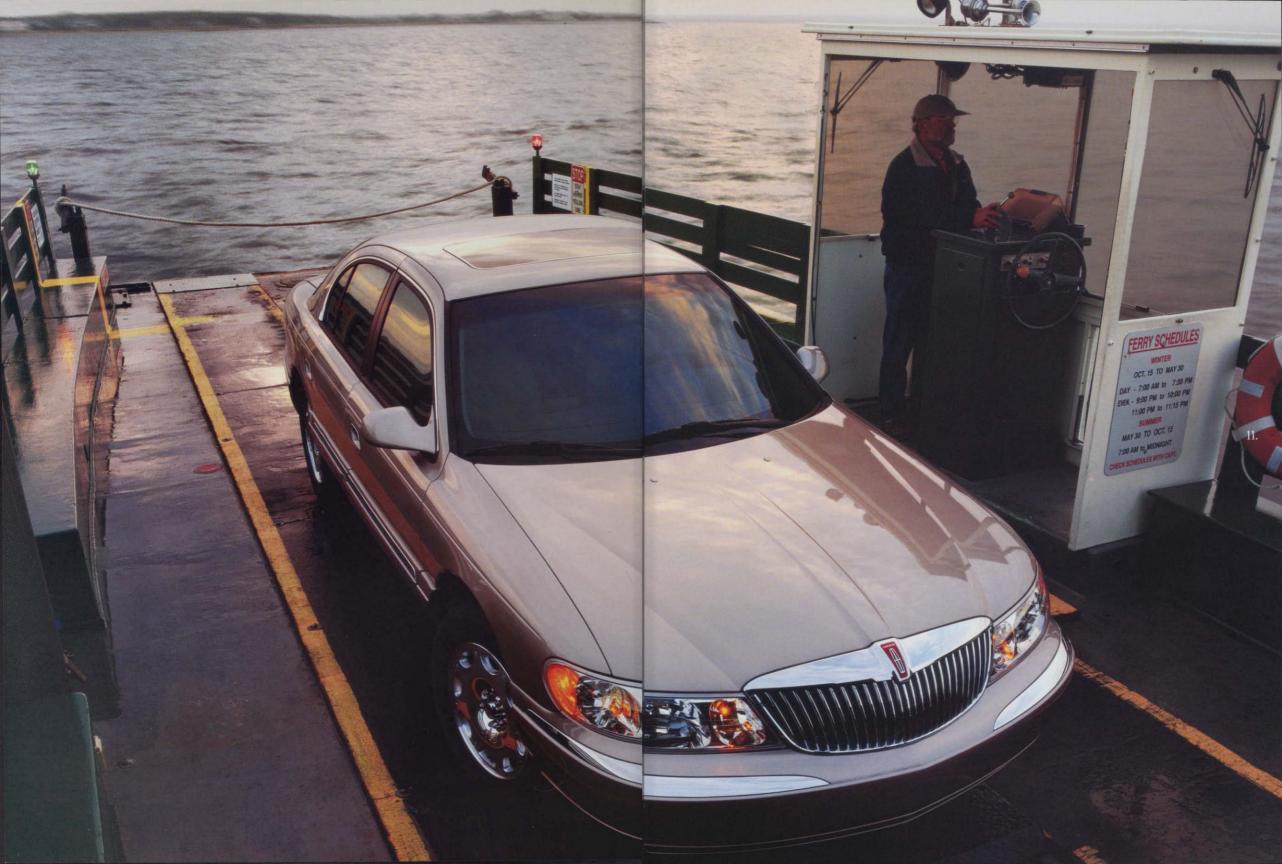






















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Entering your Continental involves higher security, thanks to the programmable keypad located on the driver's side door. Keyless entry is possible only with your personalized identification number.

The overhead console goes beyond mere maplights to offer storage for sunglasses and a tissue holder.



An available power moonroof welcomes in the sun, moon and the stars, or just a touch of breeze.

Opt for the Memory Profile System and gain access to a whole host of rather special Continental luxury features. Two drivers can personalize up to eleven preferred settings, from steering effort to suspension characteristics, all of which are instantly recalled by activating the keyless entry system.

Conveniently located in the passenger compartment, and readily accessible to both driver and front passenger, the available CD changer is controlled by the Alpine® Audio System. It provides full concert-hall sound of your favorite music programming for up to six uninterrupted performances.

Rich bird's-eye maple wood trim accents the dash and then wraps around to grace the front doors.



Elegant wheels set off Continental's good looks. Choices start with the standard ten-spoke brushed aluminum wheel. Options include an eight-window highly polished aluminum wheel and the elegant six-spoke chrome wheel design. All versions are sixteen-inch diameter for style and perfect proportions.

Each rear seat passenger gets a convenient cup holder located in the center armrest for easier access.

The Driver Select System refers to a set of available driving conveniences that afford the driver an unprecedented level of control. Among them is selectable ride control, which allows a choice of firm, normal or plush settings depending on the road surface and the ride desired. Other Driver Select System amenities include a semi-active suspension, duplicate steering wheel audio and climate controls, driver's-side exterior auto-dimming electrochromic mirror and the Memory Profile System.

As a thoughtful plus on bad weather days, exterior mirrors can be heated to quickly melt away ice and snow for better clarity and safety. These specially designed mirrors will also tilt down automatically when the driver shifts into reverse, aiding curb visibility for better parking maneuverability.

A sophisticated 4.6L 32-valve DOHC InTech<sup>™</sup> V8 engine delivers an impressively responsive, yet incredibly smooth 275 horsepower. This engine goes 100,000 miles before a single scheduled tune-up under normal driving conditions and with the recommended fluid and filter changes.

The Virtual Image Instrument Cluster uses highly visible graphics projected onto a black surface, giving the images and data a unique, three-dimensional appearance. The end result is information that's easy to read under lighting conditions as diverse as bright sunlight or complete darkness.

All-Speed Traction Control helps to maintain handling and steering on a variety of slippery surfaces by electronically and automatically modulating engine torque output and brake behavior.

The coil-on-plug electronic ignition provides more dependable spark sequences as well as more effective combustion chamber detonation. It also totally eliminates the need for spark plug wires.

A remote Keyless Entry system comes standard, providing automatic lock activation and a "panic" button to set off the horn and marker lights in an emergency. Added security is further enhanced by the autolamp feature. This device keeps your headlamps lit for a preset period after you've switched the ignition off and left the car. As for getting into your Continental, the programmable keypad on the driver's side door will only unlock the car after your personalized identification number has been entered.

In a luxury car already well-equipped with safety features, driver and front passenger side-impact headlichest airbags supplement Continental's existing airbag system, adding a whole extra level of safety.'

Always wear your safety belt and secure children in the rear seat.

Lincoln's available RESCU," or Remote Emergency Satellite Cellular Unit, is designed to expedite roadside, emergency or other vital information to distressed motorists uncertain of their location or wondering whom to contact for assistance. Using Global Positioning System (GPS) technology and the nation's cellular phone network; a driver's exact vehicle location can be tracked and noted. Then, at the touch of a button, RESCU puts the driver in contact with the Lincoln Security Response Center.

\*Gehalar service required, may not be available to all areas.

Special tires on the Continental are the core of the available SecuriTire\* System. The reinforced sidewalls supporting these tires enable the driver to maintain control after total tire air pressure loss that typically occurs from a flat or blowout. More importantly, the system allows the driver to operate the Continental for up to fifty miles depending on load, speed and driving conditions.

Even under adverse conditions, the Continental's four-wheel disc Anti-lock Brake System contributes greatly to improved control during hard braking on a surprisingly wide variety of road surfaces.

Up front, Continental features an independent MacPherson strut suspension. This design is well-known for its superior cornering and excellent handling characteristics overall. Yet the ride inside is still smooth and luxurious enough to satisfy the high standards Lincoln Continental has set for itself.

Contributing to a more comfortable and sophisticated ride, there's the Continental's Short- and Long-Arm independent rear suspension system with stabilizer bar and air springs. Automatic front-to-rear and side-to-side load leveling is another remarkable feature of this technologically adept suspension.

The available Memory Profile System goes beyond the comfort and convenience of programmable seats and mirrors. For example, via your remote keyless entry keyfob, keyless entry keypad, or menu button on your message center, you'll select everything from steering effort to adjustable ride control. Everything from instrument panel lighting levels and express-down driver's window to easy entrylexit driver's seat and automatic door locks. The Memory Profile System even provides Continental owners with a door lock horn chirp and reverse tilt-down exterior mirrors.

Memory driver's seat and mirrors	<ul> <li>Virtual Image Instrument Cluster with multi-function message center</li> </ul>
Leather seating surfaces/leather-wrapped steering wheel	<ul> <li>Autolamp on/off delay lighting system</li> </ul>
8-way power driver and front passenger recliners	<ul> <li>Interior theater dimming lighting</li> </ul>
with memory driver seat and 2-way power lumbar adjustment	<ul> <li>Particulate Air Filtration System</li> </ul>
CFC-free electronic automatic temperature	<ul> <li>Solar-tinted glass</li> </ul>
control with sunload sensor	<ul> <li>High-level audio system with Premium AM/FM stereo/cassette</li> </ul>
Rear seat air-conditioning ducts (5-passenger seating only)	with speed-sensitive volume and RDS capability
Rear seat heat ducts	<ul> <li>Front and rear carpeted floor mats</li> </ul>
5-passenger seating with center console	Rear window defroster
Rear seat center folding armrest with cup holders	<ul> <li>Bird's-eye maple wood trim</li> </ul>
Power windows with driver-side express-down feature	<ul> <li>Concealed radio antenna</li> </ul>
Power door locks with "SmartLock" feature	<ul> <li>Delayed accessory power</li> </ul>
Fingertip speed control (tap-up/tap-down feature)	<ul> <li>Overhead console with maplights, storage for</li> </ul>
Tilt steering wheel	sunglasses and tissue holder
Analog clock	Battery saver
Easy entry/exit driver's seat	<ul> <li>Center console power point</li> </ul>

Exterior Features		
<ul> <li>Quasi-dual exhaust with exposed bright tips</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Extensive corrosion protection</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>16-inch ten-spoke brushed aluminum wheels</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Single key entry/ignition</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Flexible chrome grille/5-mph bumpers</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Cornering lamps</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Bodyside protection molding</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Keyless entry via owner coded keypad</li> </ul>	

O	Options
<ul> <li>Luxury Appearance Package: chrome aluminum 6-spoke wheel,</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Driver Select System: semi-active suspension, steering</li> </ul>
wood trim steering wheel, two-tone leather seating surfaces,	wheel audio/climate control, driver's side exterior
unique front floor mats, chrome and Argent grille	auto-dimming mirror, Memory Profile System
<ul> <li>Personal Security Package: SecuriTire™ System</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>HomeLink® programmable garage door opener</li> </ul>
(zero-pressure tires, Pressure Alert tire sensing system),	<ul> <li>Heated front seats with five temperature settings</li> </ul>
HomeLink® programmable garage door opener	<ul> <li>Power moonroof</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>RESCU™ Package: Lincoln RESCU (Remote Emergency</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Integrated voice-activated portable/convertible cellular phone</li> </ul>
Satellite Cellular Unit), trip-routing assistance, integrated	<ul> <li>6-passenger seating with mini console</li> </ul>
voice-activated cellular phone, Alpine® Audio System,	<ul> <li>Alpine® Audio System with Digital Signal Processing and 8 speakers</li> </ul>
HomeLink® programmable garage door opener	<ul> <li>6-disc CD changer</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Memory Profile System: steering effort, selectable ride control,</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>16-inch polished aluminum wheels</li> </ul>
driver's seat position, mirror position, autolamp delay setting,	<ul> <li>16-inch chrome six-spoke aluminum wheels</li> </ul>
panel lighting setting, easy entry/exit driver's seat, express-down	
driver's window, auto door lock, door lock horn chirp,	
tilt-down exterior mirrors	







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Drivetrain		
ENGINE		
LAYOUT	Transverse mounted front engine, front-wheel drive	
TYPE	DOHC 32-valve InTech™ V8 with aluminum block and cylinder heads	
DISPLACEMENT	4.6 liter/281 cu in	
BORE & STROKE	90.2 mm x 90.0 mm/3.55 in. x 3.54 in.	
COMPRESSION RATIO	9.85:1	
HORSEPOWER	275 @ 5750 rpm (SAE net)	
TORQUE	275 lb-ft @ 4750 rpm (SAE net)	
FUEL DELIVERY	Sequential multi-port electronic fuel injection	
FUEL REQUIREMENT	91 octane premium (recommended)	
IGNITION	Coil-on-plug integrated electronic fuel injection	
EXHAUST SYSTEM	Dual, stainless steel, with chromed pipe ends	
TRANSMISSION		
TYPE	4-speed electronic automatic overdrive transaxle with overdrive lockout	
	(modulated lock-up converter in 3rd and 4th gears)	
AXLE RATIO	3.56:1	

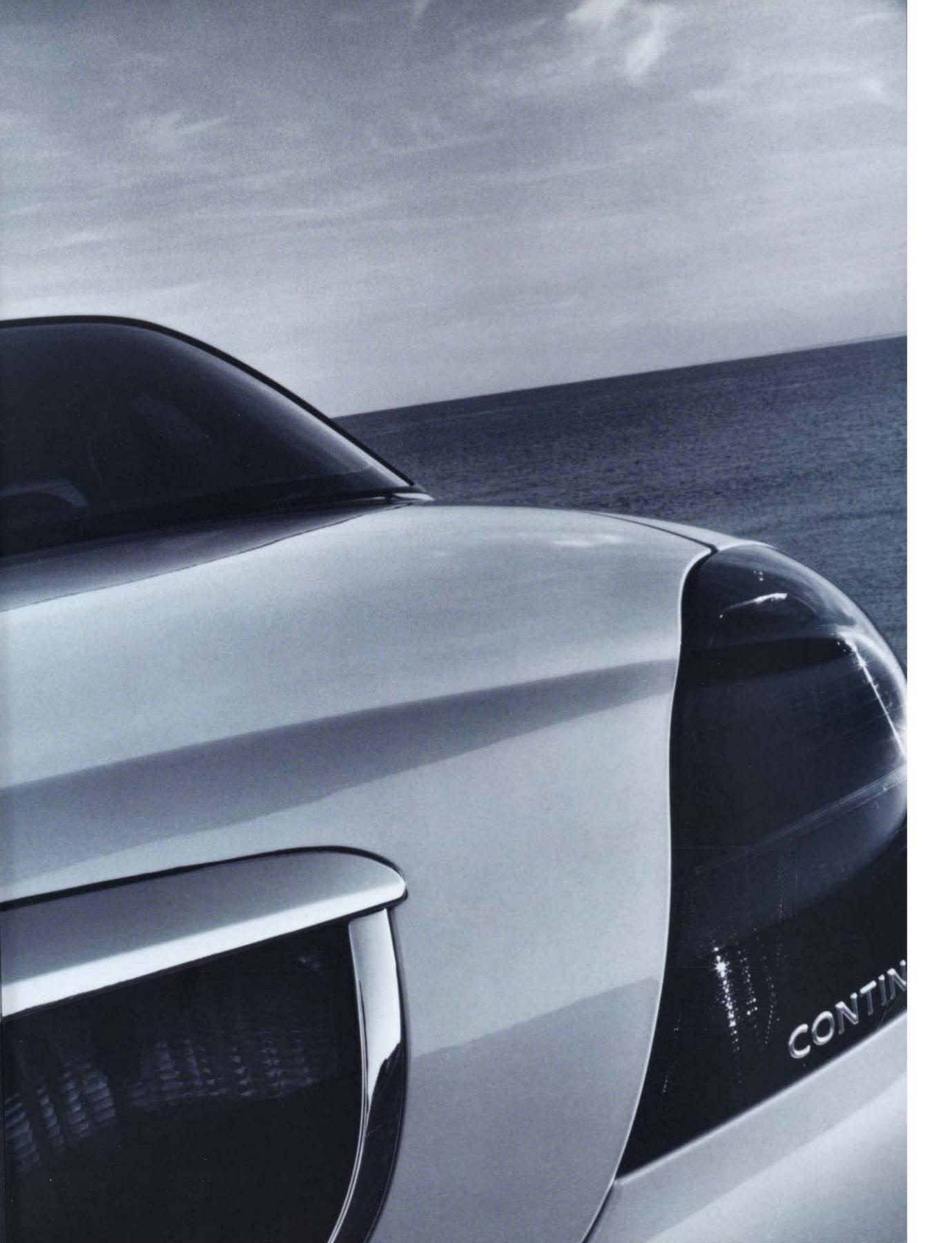
		Chassis
BODY		Unitized construction with rubber isolated front subframe
SUSPENSION	Front	Independent MacPherson struts with road-calibrated steel coll springs,
		19.0 mm stabilizer bar, tension struts and lower control arms
	Rear	Short- and Long-Arm independent with air springs, 19.5 mm stabilizer bar
		tension struts, upper control arms, lower control arms, cast spindle
		with forged stern and integrated ball joints
SHOCK ABSORBERS		Twin tube, gas-pressurized, hydraulic passive
		(internal rebound springs front only)
Overall ratio Turns, lock-to-lock Turning circle	Туре	Speed-sensitive, variable-assist power rack-and-pinion with three
		driver selections for steering effort: high, normal, low
	Overall ratio	16.95:1 (on center)
	Turns, leck-te-lock	2.86
	Turning circle	41.1 ft diameter
WHEELBASE		117.7 in.
TRACK	Front/Rear	63.0 in./61.5 in.
BRAKES	Front	Power-assisted disc, 11.57-inch diameter rotors, anti-lock
	Rear	Power-assisted disc, 10.1-inch diameter rotors, anti-lock
WHEELS		16-inch aluminum
TIRES		P225/60R16 97H black sidewall

Accommodations and Dimensions			
HEADROOM (in.)	38.9 front; 38.0 rear	OUTSIDE DIMENSIONS (in.)	56.0 height; 73.6 width; 208.5 length
LEGROOM (in.)	41.9 front (max.); 38.0 rear (min.)	FUEL CAPACITY (gal)	20.0
HIPROOM (in.)	55.7 front; 56.5 rear	LUGGAGE SPACE (cu ft)	18.4
SHOULDER ROOM (in.)	57.1 front; 56.6 rear	CURB WEIGHT (1b)	3848

Safety of	and Security
Driver and front passenger airbag Supplemental Restraint System <sup>1</sup>	Rear seat child-safety door locks
Driver and front passenger side-impact head/chest airbags <sup>1</sup>	<ul> <li>Front center lap belt (6-passenger seating only)<sup>1</sup></li> </ul>
4-wheel disc Anti-lock Brake System (ABS)	Front and rear crumple zones
All-Speed Traction Control	<ul> <li>Heavy-gauge steel side door intrusion beams</li> </ul>
3-point safety beits for front outboard and rear	Home Safe transaxle
passengers including rear center seat occupant <sup>1</sup>	Brake/shift interlock
Dual power heated exterior mirrors with reverse tilt-down feature	<ul> <li>2-way adjustable front seat head restraints</li> </ul>
Remote Illuminated Keyless Entry system with panic button	Perimeter anti-theft alarm system
Electrochromic (auto-dimming) inside rearview	Child-safety seat tether anchor
mirror with compass	■ SecuriLock <sup>™</sup> passive anti-theft system

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Autumn Red Clearcoat Metallic



Spruce Green Clearcoat Metallic



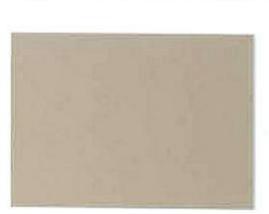
Light Parchment Gold Clearcoat Metallic



Toreador Red Clearcoat Metallic



Medium Charcoal Green Clearcoat Metallic



Ivory Parchment Clearcoat\*



Graphite Blue Clearcoat Metallic



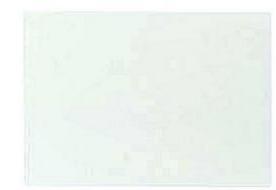
Deep Wedgewood Blue Clearcoat Metallic



Silver Frost Clearcoat Metallic



Black Clearcoat



White Pearlescent Clearcoat Metallic\*

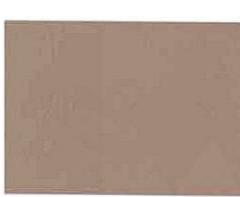


Vibrant White Clearcoat

## Upholstery



Light Parchment



Medium Parchment



Light Graphite



Deep Charcoal

