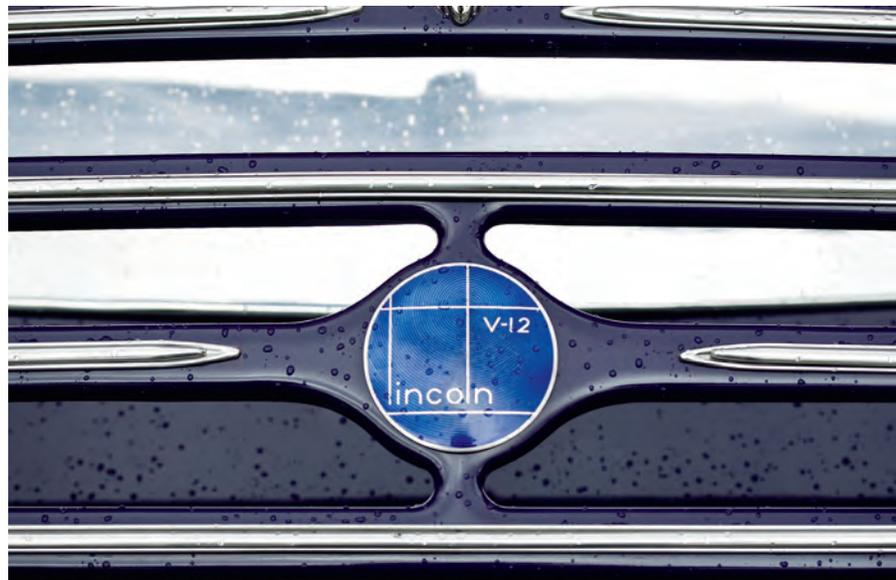


# 1933 LINCOLN KB SERIES V-12 LIMOUSINE

Lincoln introduced its legendary KB in 1932, and it quickly became a sensation among the luxury automobiles. It was built as a model to perfection, heroic in dimensions and exactly finished. It's been said that, "Touch the throttle, and three tons of mechanical perfection is yours to command," and, "Except for the rush of wind and hum of the tires, the KB was completely noiseless."

The engine supplied 150 horsepower out of 448 cubic inches.



The horsepower was closer to 180 because the KB could outperform its contemporary rivals, and did so on any number of occasions. It could do 98 miles an hour without breathing hard, one of the reasons it was chosen to pace the Indianapolis 500 race that year. The wheelbase was a lengthy 145 inches.

The KB was a high point in Lincoln's history. Never again did a Lincoln match the performance within its own time frame. The KB was a final grand gesture



in the Depression years when marketing experts and accountants took over the auto industry.

The example shown here was built by Judkins, a coachmaker greatly admired by Ford, who over the life of the series ordered fifty custom bodies. The description is that of a Berline: a two-window (counted on the sides), four-passenger sedan with a divider window between the front and rear seats. In a letter to a former owner, Mr. Judkins himself describes the car as his company created it.

It was very nearly lost when the restoration team went home

one night after doing some welding on the aluminum body. The corroded metal became combustible, and the wood inside the body began to burn. Fortunately, the fire snuffed itself out from lack of oxygen in the enclosed garage, and only the rear end was melted away, leaving the interior of the work area black with soot but still intact.

The car was reconstructed and completely restored into the stunner it is today. I've driven it over the freeways and it performs beautifully, keeping up with the fast-moving traffic with utmost ease.

