

2006 Crown Victoria Overview

New for 2006

- New exterior color: Tungsten Clearcoat Metallic
- New 16-inch nine-spoke wheel on LX models
- In-glass antenna replaces exterior mast
- Trip computer standard on LX and LX Sport
- Optional Perimeter Alarm
- On Commercial versions, 17-inch wheels and an engine hour meter are now standard equipment

Overview

Crown Victoria is a sedan for traditional large-car buyers who seek the features offered in the American cars they grew up with – roominess, comfort, smooth ride, V-8 power and rear-wheel drive. Size, safety and dependability remain hallmarks, and Crown Victoria continues to earn the government's highest five-star crash rating for the driver and front passenger.

Crown Victoria enters 2006 with minor interior, exterior and functional changes. In addition to the new Tungsten Clearcoat Metallic paint offering, a 16-inch nine-spoke wheel is standard for LX. A trip computer is now standard with LX and LX Sport, while a Perimeter Alarm is now available on all models. This year, a radio antenna built into the rear window replaces the traditional quarter-panel mast.

Crown Victoria is available to retail customers in Standard, LX and LX Sport trim levels. In six-passenger Standard and LX trim, the Crown Victoria offers 106.4 cubic feet of passenger volume. The huge trunk has 20.6 cubic feet of space.

Heavy-duty versions of the Crown Victoria include standard-wheelbase models and versions with a 6-inch wheelbase stretch. Both can be ordered from the factory with various packages for police and taxi use.

Crown Victoria is built in St. Thomas, Ontario.

Design and Equipment

The Crown Victoria's clean styling features wide door openings, large glass areas for good visibility, wraparound aerodynamic headlamps and standard foldaway remote-control power outside mirrors. The color-keyed body-side moldings help protect against parking-lot dings.

The LX Sport model has a monochromatic exterior. Body-color grille, bumpers, decklid applique and taillamp trim are standard with the Dark Toreador Red, Silver Birch, Tungsten and Black exterior colors.

The LX Sport interior includes front bucket seats with leather trim and a leather-wrapped hand and leather on the gear selector located in the center console. The console includes large and small storage bins, a padded armrest and concealed power point. The console and rear armrest both offer dual cup holders.

Powertrain

Crown Victoria is powered by a 4.6-liter, single-overhead-cam V-8 engine that develops 224 horsepower at 4,800 rpm and 272 pound-feet of torque at 4,000 rpm.

The optional H and ling and Performance package, standard on the LX Sport, has a dual exhaust system that increases the engine's performance to 239 horsepower at 4,900 rpm and 287 pound-feet of torque at 4,100 rpm. It also includes an updated torque converter, monotube shocks, a rear stabilizer bar and rear air suspension.

Crown Victoria uses an electronically controlled four-speed automatic overdrive transmission.

Safety and Security

Since 1996, Crown Victoria has earned the U.S. government's highest crash test rating – five-star – for driver and passenger frontal crash. Major contributors to Crown Victoria's safety performance are a robust frame design, a large crumple zone and Ford Motor Company's Personal Safety System™.

Seat-mounted side air bags for the front outboard seats are an available option.

Other safety features include BeltMinder™, child safety locks on the rear doors, LATCH, SmartLock™ and a glow-in-the-dark internal trunk release handle.

Laminated front side glass is available to provide extra security against “smash- and -grab” break-ins and thefts. It also reduces road and wind noise, improves protection from flying glass in a collision and filters out most of the sun's harmful ultraviolet rays, thus reducing heat buildup and interior fading.

Major Features and Options

Crown Victoria Standard: 4.6-liter, 224-hp V-8 engine, four-speed automatic overdrive transmission, P225/60R16 all-season BSW tires, four-wheel disc anti-lock brakes, full solar-tinted glass, dual front air bags, courtesy lamps, map pockets, power locks, power mirrors, power windows, air conditioning, AM/FM stereo with cassette, cloth eight-way power driver seat, tilt steering wheel and speed control.

LX adds: 16-inch alloy nine-spoke wheels, AM/FM stereo with single CD, electronic climate control, overhead console with compass, trip computer, rear-seat reading lamps and remote keyless entry.

LX Sport adds: H and ling and Performance package, P235/55HR17 all-season BSW tires, 17-inch alloy five-spoke wheels, AM/FM stereo with cassette and single CD, center console with concealed power point, floor shifter with leather-wrapped handle, auto-dim rearview mirror, leather-wrapped steering wheel with audio and climate controls, five-passenger seating with leather-trimmed eight-way power front seats with lumbar support and conventional spare tire.

The LX Premier Group adds: Leather-wrapped steering wheel with audio and climate controls, power passenger seat, power lumbar supports, auto-dimming rearview mirror, AM/FM stereo with cassette and single CD player.

H and ling and Performance package (available on LX and standard on LX Sport) includes: 16-inch aluminum wheels (on LX) or 17-inch aluminum wheels (on LX Sport), revised springs and monotube shocks, rear heavy-duty stabilizer bar, rear load-leveling air suspension, dual exhaust, performance torque converter and a 3.27:1 axle ratio.

Options include side air bags in front seats, all-speed traction control with electronic brake force distribution, moonroof, six-disc CD changer, heated side mirrors, laminated side glass, power adjustable pedals, full-size spare and a trunk organizer.

Milestones

- 1979 Ford introduces the name Crown Victoria as a trim level for the 1980 Ford LTD models
- 1982 Ford launches LTD Crown Victoria as its own model line for 1983
- 1987 A fully restyled LTD Crown Victoria debuts for the 1988 model year
- 1991 All-new Crown Victoria appears – without LTD designation – for 1992
- 1996 Natural-gas V-8 engines become an option
- 2000 Emergency trunk release becomes standard
- 2003 A major update includes new frame, suspension and steering systems for enhanced safety, ride and handling