

1961 Buick Invicta

2dr Convertible • 8-cyl. 401cid/325hp 4bbl

#1 Concours condition

\$59,700

— 0%

#2 Excellent condition

\$39,600

— 0%

#3 Good condition

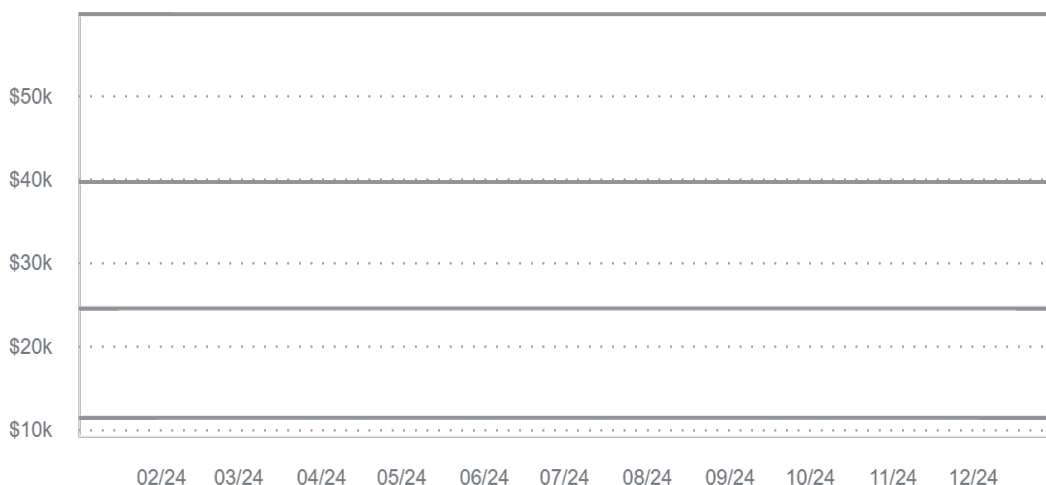
\$24,500*

— 0%

#4 Fair condition

\$11,400

— 0%



Model description

The Buick Invicta series was all-new for 1959, replacing the Century as the brand's full-size performance model. The Invicta had all of the swoopy style that Buick could bring to bear, with fins that started at the hood ornament and swept all the way along the car to diagonally mounted tailfins over round taillights. The overall effect was breathtaking, and for those who like the 1959 "fin wars" styling, few cars are more impressive than an Invicta.

Inside, the Invicta was equipped with the same features as the basic LeSabre of the same year, plus an electric clock, instrument panel cover, and deluxe steering wheel. Upholstery was Balfour cloth in four color combinations.

The 1959 Invicta was available in 4-door sedan or hardtop, 2-door hardtop or convertible, or as a 4-door station wagon. True to its performance position in the lineup, the Invicta carried a 401-cid "Nailhead" V-8 engine rated at 325 horsepower.

The Nailhead, so-called for its small valves, is notable because it carries its valve covers vertically on top of the heads, rather than canted at an angle, and the spark plugs are located well above the exhaust ports, which makes for easy maintenance.

For 1960, the Invicta's fins became much smaller and less obtrusive, but the car was still a sweeping design with the look of speed to it. Buick added an 8-passenger 3-row station wagon to the line in this year. The Invicta again used the 325-hp Nailhead engine, mated to Buick's Twin Turbine automatic transmission. The 1960 model year also saw the introduction of the Invicta Custom package, which included bucket seats and generally upgraded interior. Some were sold with leather upholstery.

Collectors really cannot go wrong with an Invicta from this era, whether they choose the elaborate fins and sculpted bodywork of the 1959 model or the more subdued lines of the 1960 model. In all cases, buyers get the renowned Nailhead engine with 325 respectable horsepower. The Nailhead is highly prized by hot rodders, so parts and knowledge exist to keep it going.

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Body styles

2dr Convertible

2dr Hardtop

4dr Hardtop

Engine types

8-cyl. 401cid/325hp 4bbl

1959-1963 Buick Invicta stats

Highest sale

\$104,500

Lowest sale

\$7,276

Most recent sale

\$82,500

Sales

81**Equipment****Additional Info**

Vehicle Length: 213.2 in

Wheelbase - Inches: 123 in

Vehicle's condition classification**#1. Concours**

#1 vehicles are the best in the world. Imagine the best vehicle, in the right colors, driving onto the lawn at the finest concours. Perfectly clean, the vehicle has been groomed down to the tire treads. Painted and chromed surfaces are mirror-like. Dust and dirt are banned, and materials used are correct and superbly fitted.

#2. Excellent

#2 vehicles could win a local or regional show. They might even be former #1 vehicles that have been driven or have aged. Seasoned observers will have to look closely for flaws but will be able to find some. The paint, chrome, glass and finishes will all appear as excellent. The vehicle drives as a new vehicle of its era would.

#3. Good

#3 vehicles drive and run well but are not used for daily transportation. The casual passerby will not find any visual flaws, but these vehicles might have some incorrect parts. #3 vehicles could possess some, but not all, of the issues of a #4 vehicle, but they will be balanced by other factors such as fresh paint or a new, correct interior.

#4. Fair

#4 vehicles are daily drivers, with flaws visible to the naked eye. The chrome might have pitting, the windshield might be chipped and perhaps the body has a minor dent. Imperfect paintwork, split seams or a cracked dash might be present. No major parts are missing, but there might be non-stock additions. A #4 vehicle can also be a deteriorated restoration.