

# Cars of 1960: Complete Downloadable Resources Collection

## Resource 1: Classic Car Valuation Guide

Filename: 1960-Car-Values-Guide.pdf

### Current Market Values (2024-2025)

#### Economy Cars of 1960

Model	Condition 1 (Poor)	Condition 2 (Fair)	Condition 3 (Good)	Condition 4 (Excellent)	Condition 5 (Concours)
Ford Falcon	\$8,500	\$15,000	\$25,000	\$35,000	\$45,000
Rambler American	\$6,000	\$12,000	\$18,000	\$28,000	\$38,000
Volkswagen Beetle	\$12,000	\$18,000	\$25,000	\$32,000	\$42,000

#### Mid-Size Cars of 1960

Model	Condition 1 (Poor)	Condition 2 (Fair)	Condition 3 (Good)	Condition 4 (Excellent)	Condition 5 (Concours)
Chevrolet Bel Air	\$18,000	\$28,000	\$35,000	\$45,000	\$60,000
Plymouth Belvedere	\$15,000	\$22,000	\$28,000	\$38,000	\$50,000
Dodge Dart	\$12,000	\$18,000	\$24,000	\$32,000	\$42,000

#### Full-Size Cars of 1960

Model	Condition 1 (Poor)	Condition 2 (Fair)	Condition 3 (Good)	Condition 4 (Excellent)	Condition 5 (Concours)
Chevrolet Impala	\$22,000	\$32,000	\$45,000	\$65,000	\$85,000
Ford Galaxie	\$18,000	\$28,000	\$38,000	\$52,000	\$68,000
Plymouth Fury	\$20,000	\$30,000	\$42,000	\$58,000	\$75,000
Pontiac Bonneville	\$24,000	\$35,000	\$48,000	\$65,000	\$85,000
Buick Electra	\$22,000	\$35,000	\$52,000	\$75,000	\$95,000

Luxury Cars of 1960

Model	Condition 1 (Poor)	Condition 2 (Fair)	Condition 3 (Good)	Condition 4 (Excellent)	Condition 5 (Concours)
Cadillac Series 62	\$35,000	\$45,000	\$65,000	\$85,000	\$125,000
Lincoln Continental	\$45,000	\$65,000	\$85,000	\$125,000	\$175,000
Imperial Crown	\$38,000	\$55,000	\$75,000	\$105,000	\$145,000
Cadillac Eldorado	\$55,000	\$85,000	\$125,000	\$175,000	\$250,000

Sports Cars of 1960

Model	Condition 1 (Poor)	Condition 2 (Fair)	Condition 3 (Good)	Condition 4 (Excellent)	Condition 5 (Concours)
Chevrolet Corvette	\$48,000	\$75,000	\$95,000	\$135,000	\$185,000
Ford Thunderbird	\$28,000	\$42,000	\$55,000	\$75,000	\$98,000
Chrysler 300F	\$65,000	\$95,000	\$125,000	\$175,000	\$245,000

Investment Factors

- **Rarity Multiplier:** Limited production models +25-50%
- **Convertible Premium:** +20-35% over hardtops
- **Original Paint:** +15-25% if excellent condition

- **Matching Numbers:** +10-20% for original drivetrain
  - **Documentation:** Service records +5-15%
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## **Resource 2: Restoration Parts Directory**

Filename: 1960-Parts-Directory.pdf

### **Major Parts Suppliers for Cars of 1960**

#### **General Motors (Chevrolet, Pontiac, Buick, Cadillac)**

- **Classic Industries:** Complete restoration catalogs, body parts, chrome
- **Eckler's Classic Chevy:** Impala and Corvette specialists
- **Year One:** Muscle car and performance parts
- **OER (Original Equipment Reproduction):** Factory-correct parts
- **Brothers Classic Truck Parts:** Commercial vehicle specialists

#### **Ford Motor Company Parts**

- **NPD (National Parts Depot):** Comprehensive Ford parts catalog
- **Thunderbird Headquarters:** T-Bird specialists
- **Classic Ford Broncos:** Utility vehicle parts
- **Restoration Parts Source:** Interior and trim specialists





#### **Chrysler Corporation Parts**

- **Paddock Parts:** Complete Mopar restoration supplies
- **Classic Industries:** Plymouth, Dodge, and Chrysler parts
- **Legendary Auto Interiors:** Interior restoration specialists
- **Year One:** Performance and appearance parts

#### **Specialty Suppliers**

- **Steele Rubber Products:** Weather sealing and rubber parts
- **Classic Auto Air:** Air conditioning conversion kits
- **American Autowire:** Complete wiring harnesses
- **Detroit Muscle Technologies:** Performance upgrades
- **Inline Tube:** Brake lines and fuel lines

## Parts Availability Rating

-  **Excellent:** Chevrolet Impala, Ford Galaxie, Plymouth Fury
-  **Good:** Pontiac Bonneville, Buick Electra, Dodge Dart
-  **Fair:** Cadillac models, Lincoln Continental, Chrysler 300F
-  **Limited:** Imperial, Studebaker, AMC models

## Resource 3: Technical Specifications Database

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### Engine Specifications for Cars of 1960

#### Chevrolet Engines

Engine	Displacement	Horsepower	Torque	Compression	Applications
235 I6	235 ci	135 hp	217 lb-ft	8.25:1	Bel Air, Impala base
283 V8	283 ci	170 hp	275 lb-ft	8.5:1	Impala, Corvette
283 V8	283 ci	230 hp	300 lb-ft	9.5:1	Corvette (fuel injection)
348 V8	348 ci	250 hp	355 lb-ft	9.5:1	Impala SS
348 V8	348 ci	280 hp	373 lb-ft	9.5:1	Performance option

#### Ford Engines

Engine	Displacement	Horsepower	Torque	Compression	Applications
223 I6	223 ci	145 hp	216 lb-ft	8.4:1	Falcon, Galaxie base
292 V8	292 ci	185 hp	270 lb-ft	8.8:1	Thunderbird, Galaxie
352 V8	352 ci	220 hp	315 lb-ft	8.9:1	Galaxie, Thunderbird
390 V8	390 ci	300 hp	427 lb-ft	9.6:1	Performance models

#### Chrysler/Plymouth/Dodge Engines

Engine	Displacement	Horsepower	Torque	Compression	Applications
225 Slant-6	225 ci	145 hp	215 lb-ft	8.4:1	Dart, Valiant
318 V8	318 ci	230 hp	340 lb-ft	9.0:1	Fury, Polara
361 V8	361 ci	295 hp	395 lb-ft	9.0:1	Fury, 300F
383 V8	383 ci	325 hp	425 lb-ft	10.0:1	300F, performance
413 V8	413 ci	375 hp	495 lb-ft	10.1:1	300F, Imperial

## Transmission Options

- **Manual:** 3-speed column shift (standard most models)
- **Manual:** 4-speed floor shift (performance models)
- **Automatic:** Powerglide (GM 2-speed)
- **Automatic:** Turbo Hydra-Matic (GM 3-speed)
- **Automatic:** Ford-O-Matic (Ford 3-speed)
- **Automatic:** TorqueFlite (Chrysler 3-speed)

## ✓ Resource 4: Buyer's Inspection Checklist

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## Pre-Purchase Inspection for Cars of 1960

### Exterior Inspection

- ☐ **Body Panel Alignment:** Check gaps between doors, hood, trunk
- ☐ **Rust Inspection:** Frame rails, floor pans, wheel wells, door jambs
- ☐ **Chrome Condition:** Bumpers, trim pieces, window moldings
- ☐ **Paint Quality:** Original vs. repaint, color matching, orange peel
- ☐ **Glass Condition:** Windshield, side windows, back glass
- ☐ **Trim Completeness:** All badges, scripts, moldings present

### Interior Inspection

- ☐ **Seat Condition:** Tears, wear patterns, spring support
- ☐ **Dashboard:** Cracks, warping, missing knobs/switches
- ☐ **Headliner:** Sagging, staining, completeness
- ☐ **Door Panels:** Attachment, wear, window cranks
- ☐ **Carpet/Floor Mats:** Wear, moisture damage, fit
- ☐ **Instrumentation:** All gauges functional, correct for year

## Mechanical Systems

- ☐ **Engine Compression:** Test all cylinders
- ☐ **Oil Pressure:** Hot and cold readings
- ☐ **Cooling System:** Radiator, hoses, thermostat, water pump
- ☐ **Transmission:** Smooth shifting, no slipping, fluid condition
- ☐ **Differential:** Noise, fluid leaks, operation
- ☐ **Brakes:** Pedal feel, stopping power, fluid leaks
- ☐ **Steering:** Play, alignment, power assist operation
- ☐ **Suspension:** Shock absorbers, springs, bushings

## Electrical Systems

- ☐ **Battery:** Age, terminals, capacity
- ☐ **Generator/Alternator:** Charging rate, belt condition
- ☐ **Lighting:** Headlights, taillights, turn signals, dash lights
- ☐ **Accessories:** Radio, heater, air conditioning, power options
- ☐ **Wiring:** Condition, modifications, proper routing

## Red Flags to Avoid

- ⚠️ **Structural rust in frame rails or floor pans**
- ⚠️ **Evidence of major collision damage**
- ⚠️ **Non-original engine without documentation**
- ⚠️ **Extensive bodywork with poor quality finish**
- ⚠️ **Multiple modifications from original specifications**



## Resource 5: Investment Tracking Spreadsheet

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## Investment Tracking Template

### Purchase Information

- **Vehicle Information:** Year, Make, Model, VIN
- **Purchase Date:** MM/DD/YYYY
- **Purchase Price:** Total acquisition cost
- **Seller Information:** Name, contact, documentation

- **Condition at Purchase:** Rating 1-5 scale
- **Mileage:** Odometer reading

## Restoration Costs

- **Parts Expenses:** Detailed breakdown by category
- **Labor Costs:** Professional vs. DIY hours
- **Tools/Equipment:** Specialized tools purchased
- **Storage Costs:** Monthly/annual facility costs
- **Insurance:** Classic car coverage premiums
- **Transportation:** Shipping, trailer rental, etc.

## Current Value Tracking

- **Appraisal Date:** Professional evaluation date
- **Current Market Value:** Based on comparable sales
- **Appreciation Rate:** Annual percentage gain
- **Total Investment:** Purchase + restoration costs
- **Net Gain/Loss:** Current value minus total investment
- **ROI Percentage:** Return on investment calculation

## Market Comparisons

- **Recent Sales:** Comparable vehicles sold
- **Auction Results:** Barrett-Jackson, RM Sotheby's, etc.
- **Price Trends:** Historical appreciation data
- **Market Factors:** Economic influences on values

## Financial Formulas Included

- **Total Investment** = Purchase Price + Restoration Costs + Carrying Costs
- **Appreciation Rate** =  $((\text{Current Value} - \text{Purchase Price}) / \text{Purchase Price}) \times 100$
- **ROI** =  $((\text{Current Value} - \text{Total Investment}) / \text{Total Investment}) \times 100$
- **Annualized Return** =  $((\text{Current Value} / \text{Total Investment})^{(1/\text{Years Owned})} - 1) \times 100$

## Expert Contacts

- **Appraisers:** ASA and ASI certified classic car appraisers
- **Restoration Shops:** Recommended facilities by region
- **Parts Specialists:** Direct contacts for hard-to-find components
- **Transport Services:** Enclosed trailer shipping companies
- **Insurance Agents:** Classic car coverage specialists

## Online Communities

- **Forums:** Model-specific discussion groups
- **Social Media:** Facebook groups and clubs
- **Registry Services:** Vehicle documentation and history
- **Event Calendars:** Car shows, swap meets, auctions

## Publications

- **Price Guides:** Hagerty, NADA, Old Cars Report
- **Magazines:** Hemmings, Classic Car, Automobile
- **Technical Manuals:** Factory service publications
- **History Books:** Model-specific reference materials

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*All resources compiled for Cars of 1960 enthusiasts and collectors. Data current as of 2024-2025 market conditions.*