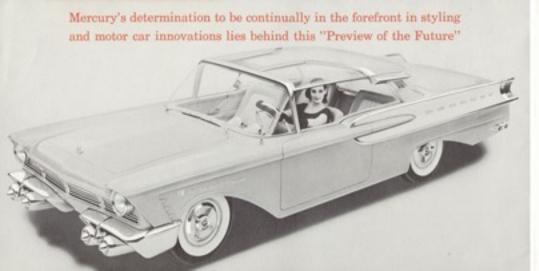
An experimental car that anticipates future motoring needs



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New fluted side channels that cap a long, low fender line, and swept-back wheel wells carry out the tomorrow look to the nth degree. Interiors are of soft, glove makers' leather. Seats are individually contoured for greater comfort.

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XM-TURNPIKE CRUISER features

Among the many new and unusual styling and engineering approaches is the XM-Turnpike Cruiser's sculptured grille-work featuring twin jet pods on each side set in chrome-plated nacelles . Hooded, recessed head lamps add to the forward-thrusting look . Deeply fluted side channels flow smoothly back from the doors into large V-shaped taillights, accentuating the modern, contemporary styling . Horizontally ribbed chrome extends from fender to fender beneath the gentle overhang of the rear deck lid . Located in each rear fender are chromed, dual exhaust stacks New delayed-action headlights remain on 30 to 40 seconds after being switched off-they are also a driving and foglight combination . A bank of four chrome-edged cylinders house speedometer, tachometer, fuel and temperature gages and oil and battery charge indicators.



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