

## FIRST DRIVE

# Continental breaks Lincoln out of the doldrums

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**LOS ANGELES, CA:** Finally a Lincoln with a name and what a name: Continental.

To this day I still remember at age 12 seeing a black-on-black Lincoln Continental II gliding down the main street of my hometown.

It was one of the most beautiful cars I've ever seen.

Recently, Lincoln has been using letters, not names to label its products, such as MKZ, MKT, MKC and MKX, which doesn't project an image of what it is, at least not to me.

The only Lincoln with a name is the full-size Navigator that has been around since the end of the last century.

Lincoln needs to make a mark in the premium luxury sedan arena and the 2017 Continental is it.

The amount of technology in this car is astounding.

An example is optional (\$750) 30-way front seats with, get ready, six-way track adjust, two-way re-

cline, four-way headrest adjust, four-way cushion extension, four-way thigh support, four-way lumbar support, two-way back bolster and two-way cushion bolster.

Or how about the \$5,000 Rear Seat Package on the Reserve trim model that includes reclining rear seats featuring four-way power lumbar support along with massaging, heating and cooling.

But perhaps the most intriguing, as well as stylish, feature is E-Latch power doors.

That's right power doors.

Lincoln has eliminated door handles along the beltline and replaced them with a solid nickel-chrome piece that runs along the windowsill from the A- to C-pillar with a closed loop handle at each door.

Inside each door is a motor and electric capacitor, much like a USB charger for a cellphone.

To open the door from the outside, there is a small button on the inside of the handle that, when touched, unlocks the door. To close, simply swing the door closed



The 2017 Lincoln Continental premium luxury sedan is all new, with standard all-wheel-drive and a bevy of technology features, such as 30-way adjustable seats.

and the motor takes over and seals it shut. If there is no power, a blade key hidden inside the fob fits through a tiny slot in the driver side Continental trim piece and unlocks all doors.

To open from the inside, there is no latch/handle but a button on the back of the door pull. Touch it, and the motor unseals the door and you simply push

it outward.

Not only is it elegant to look at, but also the lack of beltline latches makes for a remarkably sleek, uncluttered side profile.

All-wheel-drive is standard on all Canadian models with Dynamic Torque Vectoring, which routes grip

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