

1966 Ford Zodiac Mark III

Ford announced Mk III versions of its Zephyr and Zodiac models in 1962 and the Zodiac again was the upper model in the range. A total of 77,709 Mark IIIs were produced between 1962 and 1966.



The new Mark III incorporated a unique body which looked considerably different from the lesser models. However, the floor pan and running gear were essentially the same as the Zephyr 6 Mk III. The Zodiac also had more power than the Zephyr 6 (an extra 11bhp) which made it capable of reaching a top speed of 100mph.

Differences between the Zephyr and Zodiac were quite significant. The Zodiac had a unique four-headlamp front and a full width grille. The rear doors were a different shape and the rear quarter windows were behind the doors which helped to increase the overall glass area. Other significant innovations included a sharper roofline and tail, exclusive bumper bars, plusher seating and an enhanced dashboard. Production continued until the new Mk IV models appeared in 1966.

This Zodiac was acquired locally in 2003 and restoration was completed in May 2005.