

Jeep

WILLYS WAGON

Display Vehicle: 1960 Willys (Station) Wagon

Sub-Title: "The First SUV"

Year of production: from 1946 to 1965

Technical specs

Wheelbase:	104 in. (264 cm)
Length:	176.25 in. (447 cm)
Weight:	4,500 lbs. (2,041 kg)
Engine:	In-Line 4 cylinder
Horsepower:	72 hp
Displacement:	134.2 cubic inches
Bore/Stroke:	3.125 x 4.375 in.
Compression Ratio:	6.8:1
Transmission:	Three-speed manual

Historical background

Conceived by famed designer Brooks Stevens, when first introduced in 1946, the Willys Wagon was the first all-steel-bodied station wagon. Prior to this, all station wagons were framed of wood with a metal overlay. With this model, Willys changed how modern utility vehicles were designed and produced. But the real innovation came in 1949 when fourwheel-drive was added to this utility wagon, therefore creating the first SUV. Capable of carrying cargo or seven passengers comfortably, the Willys Wagon had no competition. The front end of the Wagon featured the same design cues as its CJ brother with flat fenders and a slotted grille. Available in both a station wagon and panel bodies, the Willys Wagon was produced until 1965.