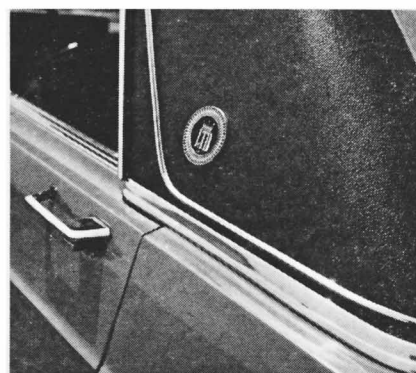




SQUARED OVAL taillights identify the '65 big Ford line. Galaxie LTD (right) is new luxury hardtop sedan model, has vinyl top panel.



DISTINCTIVE emblem resides on LTD's blind quarter panel.

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Ford Galaxie LTD

WITH NEW luxuriousness to its riding qualities, from a legacy of full-coil suspension and perimeter frame chassis, Ford also upgrades its top-of-the-line 4-door Galaxie hardtop as a special model called the LTD (for Limited).

For the LTD, Ford uses the more formal "LeBaron-style" roofline with the smaller back window (2-door hardtops still retain the so-called fastback roof). A sculptured accent line along the side-window frame and down the quarter panel is outlined with a bright molding and the roof surface has optional black vinyl covering. Outside ornamentation

is at a minimum, primarily limited to bright metal around the wheel openings and along the lower sills.

Simulated wood grain panels are used to decorate the inside and seats are covered with auto stylists' latest discovery, stretch-nylon cloth. A built-in rear ventilator, operated by a vacuum control switch on the instrument panel, exhausts smoke and stale air under the rear window via package shelf and deck outlet. Front vents are new "saddlebag" openings on each kick panel.

Standard power for the LTD, unlike other Fords, is the 289-cu. in. V-8 devel-

oping 200 bhp; the 352/250 and 390/300 engines are options. A fire-breathing 427-cu. in. engine can also be ordered, fitted with dual 4-barrel carburetors for 425 bhp and driving through Ford's own 4-speed manual transmission. In the luxury image, however, the 3-speed Cruise-O-Matic automatic transmission is used and air conditioning outlets are integrated into the overall dashboard design.

A rear seat speaker is standard with the radio, but options range from reclining passenger seat with headrest through automatic speed control and swing-aside steering wheel to the "safety convenience control panel"—a gaggle of blinking lights to warn of doors ajar, doors unlocked, low fuel level, flashing turn signals or unfastened seat belts.

MASSIVE HORIZONTAL front and vertically stacked headlights leave no doubt as to what's coming even though outside ornamentation is held to a minimum.

