

## 1964 Volvo PV544

Introduced in 1958 to replace the PV444, the PV544 looked very much like its predecessor. Main differences consisted primarily of the introduction of a curved one-piece windshield to replace the earlier two panes of flat glass. The rear glass was slightly enlarged and the dashboard was endowed with a "modern" ribbon type speedometer. The 3-speed manual transmission used from the beginning was also supplanted by a 4-speed manual transmission. A total of 243,996 vehicles were produced during 1958 – 1965.



Some important changes that occurred during the vehicle's life cycle included the retirement of the proven B16 engine family which was replaced by a power unit that was originally designed for the P1800 sports car (used by "The Saint"). This new engine sported a five main-bearing crankshaft which further perpetuated the now firmly established Volvo reputation for durability. There was also a switch from 6-volt electrics to 12-volt electrics.

The PV544 (3-speed box) in the BK Museum was acquired in 1998 and an extensive restoration project was undertaken in 2006/2007.