

20 things you (probably) didn't know about Caddy One



1 - Power comes from a **6.5-litre diesel engine** that's fitted with a supercharger to help haul this beast around.. Yet despite this mammoth power plant, the **top speed is only 60 mph** and it takes around 15 seconds to reach this.



2 - It is based on a **GM truck chassis** and **weighs a staggering 6,350 kg**. To put that in context, the **Rolls-Royce Phantom**, one of the biggest cars on the road, **weighs a paltry 2,550 kg** in comparison. This is why it only averages **8 mpg**.



3 - A lot of the **weight comes from the armour protection**.

The body is made up of steel, **aluminium, titanium and ceramic.**



4 - The **glass is five-inches thick** and only the windscreen opens, to allow the driver to talk to secret service running alongside or to pay a toll. It is also **hermetically sealed to secure it from chemical attack.**



5 - Should the worst happen, **the Beast has its own oxygen supply**



6 - The **military-grade armor** means the doors are **eight-inches thick** and weigh as much as a Boeing 747's.



7 - The **doors are so thick that the president can't hear any outside noise**, so speakers are built in to play the ambient sound of the crowd.



8 - The **underside is reinforced with a Kevlar mat to protect Caddy One from bomb attacks**.



9 - The **fuel tank is leak proof and filled with special foam that prevents it from exploding**, even in a direct hit.



10 - There are **two holes in the front bumper** that can **emit tear gas and fire smoke grenades**.



11 - There is also an **infrared video system** for the driver to drive through smoke and **night vision cameras for driving in darkness without lights**.



12 - Cadillac One normally **flies two flags, the American flag and the Presidential Standard**, which are lit up at night with LEDs. When President is on a **state visit**, the **Presidential Standard is replaced by the flag of the country he is visiting**.



13 - The Beast has a **fire fighting system located in the trunk.**



14 -Also in the trunk is a **bank of the president's blood that is carried at all times** and when he goes out an ambulance always follows close behind.



15 -President gets a **presidential limo built to this specification every four years** and the old ones are handed down to vice presidents and visiting heads of state.



16 - The Obamobile **can seat seven**, with two seats up front, three rear-facing ones in the middle, and **two at the back**, one for the president and the other for a guest.



17 - Inside, President isn't deprived of his creature comforts; a **10-disc CD player** is among the features, as well as **sophisticated electronic communications with direct phones to the White House and internal Internet**.



18 - Defense systems **include a pump-action shotgun** in a compartment beside the driver.

19 - The **tires are reinforced with Kevlar** and can run when flat. If the tires are missing, the **steel rims have been designed to allow the car to keep on driving at speed**.



20 - Caddy One has no specific model name, but is called "The Beast" by the Secret Service.