



The 1966 Ford Bronco prototype, first revealed in late 1965. The G.O.A.T. is 60. Ford Bronco's Enduring Appeal is Leaving a Lasting Legacy

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Dubai, United Arab Emirates, August 11, 2025 - Sixty years. A lifetime for some, but for the Ford Bronco, merely the beginning of a legendary run. From its rugged beginnings to its modern-day status as an icon, the Bronco's story is one of evolution, resilience, and a well-deserved claim to the title of the "G.O.A.T".

Though not misplaced in the "Greatest Of All Time" conversation, the acronym was actually the Bronco's initial codename – standing for "Goes Over Any Terrain, and not a new Messi, Ronaldo, or Bronco Mexican standoff – a title that resonates deeply in the Middle East, where conquering challenging territory is practically in the blood.

But it's not just about capability; Bronco is about legacy, about inspiring generations of adventurers, and about setting the standard for off-road excellence, from Big Bend to the Outer Banks, Badlands and beyond.

In 1965, the world was changing, and so was the automotive landscape where Ford, already a powerhouse, saw a gap in the market. Jeeps were too basic, trucks too bulky. They needed something in between, something versatile; something capable of becoming the G.O.A.T.

And the original Bronco was a revelation. It wasn't just another car; it was a statement. Its compact size, short wheelbase, and rugged construction made it incredibly manoeuvrable, perfect for navigating narrow city streets or conquering challenging off-road terrain. It was a blank canvas, ready to be customised for work or play, with farmers using it to tend their fields, ranchers to herd cattle, and adventurers to explore the uncharted territories of the world.

But the Bronco's appeal went beyond its practicality. It had a certain charm, a rugged charisma that was instantly appealing. It embodied that freedom, independence, and the thrill of the unknown, with its simple, undeniably cool boxy design and infectious go-anywhere attitude.

In the Middle East, the Bronco quickly found a loyal following. Boasting a robust build and powerful engine made it ideal for tackling harsh desert conditions, and it became a familiar sight in remote villages, bustling souks, and even the growing cities that were rapidly transforming the region. It could handle the demands of both work and leisure, a true all-rounder that perfectly suited the diverse needs of its owners, proving its worth in



some of the toughest environments on Earth.

The Bronco's popularity continued to soar throughout the 'Seventies, becoming a symbol of American muscle and off-road prowess, gracing magazine covers and starring in countless films and TV shows. As the years passed, Bronco grew in size and complexity, though its reputation as a capable and reliable off-roader remained the same.

With the outgoing fifth generation, produced until 1996, the discontinued Bronco marked the end of an era, leaving a void for its many fans. For 25 years, the legend lay dormant, a cherished memory of a bygone era, with many wondering if the G.O.A.T. would ever return.

But Bronco's story didn't end. In 2021, it galloped back to life, reborn for a new generation. Ford didn't just resurrect a name; they resurrected a spirit, and the new Bronco proved a modern masterpiece, blending classic design cues with cutting-edge technology; while paying homage to its heritage while embracing the future.

The new Bronco is more than just a car; it's an experience inspiring adventure, encouraging exploration, and connecting you to the world around you. It's a vehicle worthy of its G.O.A.T. acronym.

And that connection is particularly relevant in the Middle East. A land of contrasts, a place where ancient traditions meet modern innovation, this region is a place where you can explore manic metropolises, drive the dynamic shifting sands of serene deserts, and bathe in the beauty of breathtaking mountain ranges, all within a single day.

We're not simply talking about a vehicle; it's a lifestyle, and the perfect way to experience the land's diversity, to embrace the spirit of adventure that is so deeply ingrained in the culture and terrain. It's a statement about who you are and what you value, a symbol of adventure in the pursuit of the extraordinary.

Bronco's legacy extends beyond its off-road capabilities and its stylish design, however. It's also a story of innovation and engineering excellence. From its early days as a simple, utilitarian vehicle to its modern incarnation as a technologically advanced off-road machine, Bronco has always been a crowd pleaser.

And let's not forget the iconic design, with new Bronco paying homage to its heritage with its boxy silhouette, round headlights, and short wheelbase. While it also incorporates modern design elements, such as LED lighting, a sleek interior, and advanced infotainment system – the perfect blend of classic and contemporary in a design that will stand the test of time.

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From seasoned off-road enthusiasts to urban adventurers, the new Bronco can be customised to suit individual needs – be it a rugged workhorse or a stylish weekend getaway vehicle – truly living up to its G.O.A.T. potential.

As the Bronco celebrates 60 years since inception, it's clear that its legacy is stronger than ever, having captured the attention of people in few places as wholeheartedly as in the Middle East. And it's a vehicle that will continue to inspire adventure for generations to come. It's not just a car; it's quite possibly the Greatest of All Time.

Let the Bronco be your companion as you conquer the dunes, scale the mountains, and explore the hidden gems of our beautiful region. The adventure awaits, and the G.O.A.T. is ready to lead the way.

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