



This Quick Reference Guide is not intended to replace your vehicle's Owner's Guide, which contains more detailed information concerning the features of your vehicle and important safety warnings to help reduce the risk of injury to you and your occupants. Always read your entire Owner's Guide carefully when first learning about your vehicle and consult the appropriate section when questions arise.

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AM/FM STEREO CASSETTE (IF EQUIPPED)



For information on other available audio systems or the CD changer system, please refer to your Owner's Guide.

01 AM/FM SELECT

In radio mode, press to select the AM/FM1/FM2 frequency bands.

02 VOLUME/POWER CONTROL

Press the control to turn the audio system on or off. Turn the control to raise or lower the volume.

03 SEEK FUNCTION

In radio mode, press to find the next listenable station up or down the band. In tape mode, press to move to the next/previous selection on the tape.

04 SIDE 1-2

Press to change tape direction.

05 TUNE ADJUST

In radio mode, press to move to the next frequency up or down the band. In CD changer mode (if equipped), press to select a disc in the changer.

06 SETTING THE CLOCK

Press and hold the H control to set the hour. Press and hold the M control to set the minute.

07 TAPE SELECT

To begin tape play while in radio mode, press the tape control.

08 DOLBY® NOISE REDUCTION

Press to activate the system, which reduces tape noise and hiss while playing a tape. Press again to deactivate.

09 SCAN FUNCTION

In radio mode, press to hear a sampling of all listenable stations. In tape mode, press to hear a brief sampling of all selections.

10 SETTING THE MEMORY PRESETS

Select AM, FM1, or FM2 band, then select a station. Next, press and hold a numbered preset control until the sound returns.

AM/FM STEREO SINGLE CD (IF EQUIPPED)



01 AM/FM SELECT

In radio mode, press to select the AM or FM frequency bands.

02 VOLUME/POWER CONTROL

Press the control to turn the audio system on or off. Turn the control to raise or lower the volume.

03 SEEK FUNCTION

In radio mode, press to find the next listenable station up or down the band. In CD mode, press to move to the next/previous selection on the CD.

04 EJECT

Press to eject a CD.

05 TUNE ADJUST

In radio mode, press to move to the next frequency up or down the band. In CD changer mode (if equipped), press to select a disc in the changer.

06 SETTING THE CLOCK

Press and hold the H control to set the hour. Press and hold the M control to set the minute.

07 CD SELECT

To begin CD play while in radio mode, press the CD control.

08 COMPRESSION

Press to bring soft and loud passages together for a more consistent listening level.

09 SHUFFLE

Press to play CD tracks in random order.

10 SCAN FUNCTION

In radio mode, press to hear a sampling of all listenable stations. In CD mode, press to hear a brief sampling of all selections.

AUTOMATIC CLIMATE CONTROL (IF EQUIPPED)



01 FRONT WINDOW DEFROSTER

Distributes outside air through the windshield defroster ducts. Can be used to clear ice or fog from the windshield.

02 REAR WINDOW DEFROSTER

Press to clear the rear window of ice or fog. Press the control again to turn off the defroster. The defroster turns off automatically after 10 minutes or when the ignition is turned to the OFF position. Activating the rear window defroster will also activate the heated mirrors (if equipped).

03 FAN SPEED

To adjust manually, use the control to raise or lower the fan speed.

04 AUTOMATIC OPERATION

In this mode, the system will automatically determine fan speed and airflow location to achieve the temperature selected. Press AUTO to engage the automatic temperature control.

05 A/C CONTROL

Press to manually enable or disable the air conditioning in all modes except defrost.

REAR WINDOW WIPER & WASHER (Wagon Only)



The rear wiper and washer control is located under the headlamp controls. Press the wiper control to activate the rear wiper. Press again to turn off the wiper. Press the washer control to activate the rear washer.

MESSAGE CENTER



02 INFO BUTTON

This feature shows the following control displays:

Odometer Distance to Empty Average Fuel Economy Trip Odometer Trip Elapsed Drive Time Compass (if equipped) Outside air temperature (if equipped)

For a more detailed description of the INFO controls, please refer to your Owner's Guide.

03 RESET BUTTON

Press this control to select and reset functions shown in the INFO menu and SETUP menu.

For a more detailed description of the RESET control, please refer to your Owner's Guide.

SYSTEM WARNINGS

System warnings alert you to possible problems or malfunctions in your vehicle operating systems.

In the event of a multiple warning situation, the message center will cycle the display to show all warnings by displaying each one for several seconds.

The message center will display the last selected feature if there are no more warning messages. This allows you to use the full functionality of the message center after you acknowledge the warning by pressing the RESET control and clearing the warning message.

If any warning stays on or continues to come on, contact your dealer as soon as possible.

With the ignition in the ON position, the message center, located on your instrument cluster, displays important vehicle information through a constant monitor of vehicle systems. You may select display features on the message center for a display of status preceded by a brief indicator chime. The system will also notify you of potential vehicle problems with a display of system warning followed by a long indicator chime.

01 SET BUTTON

Setup menu controls the following displays:

Language Units (English Metric) System Check

For a more detailed description of the Setup menu, please refer to your Owner's Guide.

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

ROADSIDE EMERGENCIES

To fully assist if you should have a vehicle concern, Ford Motor Company offers a complimentary roadside assistance program. This program is separate from the New Vehicle Limited Warranty. The service is available: 24 hours, 7 days a week for the New Vehicle Limited Warranty period of three years or 36,000 miles. Roadside assistance will cover:

Changing a flat tire Jump-starts Limited fuel delivery Lock-out assistance Towing of your vehicle

ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE CENTERS

United States: (800) 241-3673 Canada: (800) 665-2006

For complete details on any roadside assistance concern, see the Roadside Emergencies section or the Customer Assistance section in your Owner's Guide.



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From the advanced Personal Safety System to the bountiful amenities, every Taurus is equipped to provide you with safety, comfort and enjoyment on the road. In order to help you fully appreciate the countless features of your new Taurus, we invite you to explore this easy-to-use Quick Reference Guide. Using the image of the instrument panel located in the center of the guide, locate the feature you would like to learn more about. Each numbered feature is briefly described to the left of the instrument panel image. For more information, please consult your Owner's Guide.



INTERIOR FEATURES

01 HEADLAMP AND PANEL DIMMER CONTROL



Rotate clockwise to the first position to turn on the parking lamps, instrument panel lamps, license plate lamps and tail lamps. Rotate to the second position to also turn on the low beam headlamps. Rotate counterclockwise to activate autolamp (if equipped), which provides light-sensitive automatic on-off control of the exterior lights and keeps the lights on for a fixed period of time after the ignition is turned OFF. Use the panel dimmer control, located to the right of the headlamp control, to adjust the brightness of the instrument panel during headlamp and parking lamp operation, and to turn on or off the overhead dome lamp.

02 TURN SIGNAL, HIGH BEAM & WIPER/WASHER CONTROL



Push down to activate the left turn signal or up to activate the right turn signal. Pull stalk toward you to briefly flash the high beams. Push stalk away to turn on the headlamp high beams. Rotate the end of the control away from you to increase or toward you to decrease the speed of the wipers. Pushing the end of the stalk briefly causes a single swipe (no wash). Push and hold to activate the washer. For extended wiper blade quality, occasional cleaning of the wiper blades is required.

03 SERVICE ENGINE SOON WARNING LAMP



This lamp momentarily illuminates to ensure the system is functional. If the light comes on after the engine is started, refer to your Owner's Guide. To help prevent activation, always secure your fuel cap by turning it clockwise until you hear three clicks. Please note that if the fuel cap is not properly installed, "CHECK FUEL CAP" warning will be displayed in Message Center.

04 POWER ADJUSTABLE FOOT PEDALS (IF EQUIPPED)



Press and hold the rocker control to adjust the accelerator and brake pedals toward you or away from you. Adjust the pedals only when the vehicle is stopped and the gearshift lever is in the P (Park) position. The adjustment allows for approximately three inches of maximum travel.

05 HAZARD FLASHER CONTROL



Press to activate the hazard flashers. Press the control again to turn the flashers off.

06 ABS WARNING LAMP (IF EQUIPPED)



This lamp illuminates briefly when the ignition is turned to the ON position. If the lamp stays on after the engine is started, seek service immediately. In an emergency, apply continuous force on the brake pedal to prevent wheel lock when braking on slippery surfaces - do not pump your brakes. Any pulsation or noise you may feel or hear is normal.

07 TRACTION CONTROL (IF EQUIPPED)



This system helps your vehicle make better use of available traction, especially on slippery road surfaces. The system defaults to ON, however, should you become stuck, try switching the traction control system off. For more information, please consult your Owner's Guide.

08 AUXILIARY POWER POINT



Located above the coin holder on the lower portion of the instrument panel, the auxiliary power point is an additional power source for electrical accessories. Improper use of the power outlet can cause damage not covered by your warranty.

09 GEARSHIFT/OVERDRIVE CONTROL



Overdrive **D** is the normal drive position for the best fuel economy. Switch to the second drive position **D** only when driving with a heavy load, towing a trailer, driving up or down steep hills, or when additional engine braking is desired. This vehicle is equipped with a brake-shift interlock feature that prevents the gearshift lever from being moved from P (Park) when the ignition is in the ON position unless the brake pedal is depressed. If your vehicle is equipped with a console-mounted gearshift lever, you must also press the thumb button on the side of the gearshift lever to move the gearshift lever from P (Park).

10 SPEED CONTROL (IF EQUIPPED)



To operate, the speed control must be ON and the vehicle's speed must be at or above 25 mph. To set a speed, press SET/ACC. To set a higher speed, press SET/ACC again. To set a lower speed, press CST. Pressing RES will return to a previously set speed. To turn the speed control off, press the OFF button or depress the brake pedal to disengage.

11 TRUNK RELEASE (IF EQUIPPED)



Press to release the trunk. The control is located on the instrument panel to the left of the steering wheel.

12 PARK BRAKE RELEASE



Pull the release lever to release the parking brake. To set the parking brake, press the parking brake pedal down until the pedal stops. The BRAKE warning lamp in the instrument cluster will illuminate, and "PARK BRAKE ENGAGED" will be displayed on the message center (when the ignition is turned ON).

13 HOOD RELEASE



Pull the hood release handle (rearward) located under the bottom left corner of the instrument panel. Next, release the auxiliary latch located under the front center of the hood, and then lift the hood until the lift cylinders hold it open.



ADDITIONAL FEATURES

REMOTE ENTRY SYSTEM (IF EQUIPPED)



- Press this control once to unlock the driver's door, and twice to unlock all doors and liftgate (wagon only).
- Press this control once to lock all doors and liftgate (wagon only). Pressing the control a second time will chirp the horn to confirm that all doors are closed and locked.
- Press this control to activate the panic alarm. To deactivate, press the control again, or turn the ignition to ON.
- Press this control to unlatch the trunk or liftgate (wagon only).

The interior lights will turn on when the remote is used to unlock the doors or sound the panic alarm. The interior lights will turn off if the ignition switch is turned to the ON position, or after 25 seconds of illumination. The dome lamp control must not be set to the OFF position for the illuminated entry system to operate. The remote-control entry features only operate with the ignition in the LOCK position.

SECURILock™ PASSIVE ANTI-THEFT SYSTEM



The Securilock passive anti-theft system is an engine immobilization system. This system prevents the engine from being started unless a coded key programmed to your vehicle is used. Please note that for security purposes, your coded keys cannot be copied. If you would like spare coded keys, they can be purchased from your dealership.

KEYLESS ENTRY SYSTEM (IF EQUIPPED)



With this control you can unlock the trunk/liftgate or lock/unlock the doors without using a key. First, enter your five-digit program code, which will unlock the driver's door only, and then press the corresponding quick key:

- Unlock all doors and the liftgate (wagon only) 3-4
- Unlock the trunk or liftgate (wagon only) 5-6
- Lock all doors 7-8 and 9-0 simultaneously

SIDE VIEW MIRROR CONTROL



Move the mirror selector control to L to adjust the left mirror, or R to adjust the right mirror. Next, move the mirror control in the direction you wish to tilt the mirror. Return the selector control to the center position to lock the mirrors in place.