Superchips 1715 MAX MicroTuner Ford V8 E, F, Lightning, Harley and Ford, Lincoln & Mercury SUV Series Vehicle Programming Instructions



PLEASE READ THIS ENTIRE INSTRUCTION SHEET BEFORE YOU PROCEED

Thank you for choosing the Superchips Model 1715 MAX MicroTuner, a state-ofthe-art instrument that allows you to install a Superchips performance program specifically tuned for your vehicle and your driving requirements.

You can select between a "Performance" or "Towing-Performance" program when you are using premium fuel. You can also select a program that provides optimum performance when using 87 octane fuel.

If your vehicle is a Lightning or supercharged Harley Davidson Edition vehicle, an "HP4" tuning level is offered in lieu of the "87 Octane" tuning level for use when a 4lb pulley is used to raise boost pressure.

You can custom tune your shift points and shift firmness, and optionally raise or lower the vehicle rpm and speed limiters. Vehicles with electronic speedometers allow for correction to compensate for gear changes and tire size.

This product is intended for use <u>on unmodified stock engines</u> without other engine enhancement devices installed and with stock transmissions.

Use High Octane Fuel

The Superchips "Performance", "Towing Performance" and "HP4" programs require that you use at least 91 octane fuel. Using a lower octane fuel while any of the performance programs is installed may cause detonation that can cause damage to your engine that is not covered by the Superchips warranty..

About Maximum Trailer Weight

The manufacturer of your vehicle has specified a Maximum Trailer Weight for your vehicle. It may be found in your vehicle owner's manual.

This Superchips product is designed to increase your engine power and performance. It does not change the engine, suspension or drive train characteristics that limit the maximum trailer weight your vehicle is designed to tow. Towing trailer weights above the maximum trailer weight specified by the vehicle manufacturer may cause transmission or other damage.

If you wish to tow greater than the maximum trailer weight for your vehicle, modifications to your vehicle may need to be made. Consult your performance auto mechanic for the proper vehicle modifications.

Damage caused by towing weights greater than the maximum trailer weight specified for your vehicle shall not be the responsibility of Superchips, Inc.

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Refund Policy

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If for any reason during the first thirty (30) days after your purchase of a new Superchips product ("Product"), you may return it to the place you bought it for a full refund of the purchase price, credit or a replacement Product at the dealer's discretion. This Guarantee does not apply to products purchased from auctions nor does it apply to Products purchased used. Follow these procedures to get your refund or replacement.

- If you are returning a MicroTuner or Flashpaq, use the MicroTuner or Flashpaq to return your vehicle to the stock settings for the vehicle. Instructions are included in the user manual.
- 2. Put the Product back in its original packaging.
- 3. Make a copy of your sales receipt. The sales receipt must be from the location where you purchased your Product and must include the name of the business, its address, and the part number or description of the applicable Superchips Product. Invoices, credit card statements, or sales receipts from an online payment service company will not be accepted.
- Return the Product in its original packaging with a copy of the sales receipt to the place of purchase.

Superchips, Inc. Limited Warranty

What is **Covered?** This warranty covers any defects in materials or workmanship in any product sold by Superchips or its affiliates through its authorized dealers ("Product"). Warranty is valid only for new products purchased through Authorized Dealers; (Proof of purchase is required for all warranty claims).

How Long Does the Coverage Last? This warranty lasts for one (1) year from the date of purchase. Coverage terminates if you sell or otherwise transfer ownership of the Product.

What will Superchips Do? Superchips will repair or replace the defective or malfunctioning Product or any defective or malfunctioning part thereof at no charge. This warranty covers parts and labor only. Superchips will reimburse you for all reasonable shipping charges within the first thirty (30) days of purchase.

What Does This Warranty Not Cover? This warranty does not cover any problem that is caused by abuse, misuse, acts of God, or improper installation or repair by non-Superchips personnel. This warranty does not cover Products purchased used nor does it apply to Products purchased from auctions or entities that are not Superchips' authorized dealers. This warranty does not cover damage to your vehicle. Use of the Product to change the performance characteristics of your vehicle could invalidate the warranty provided by the vehicle manufacturer. Consult your vehicle warranty before using the Product on your vehicle. SUPERCHIPS SHALL NOT BE LIABLE TO YOU FOR ANY CONSEQUENTIAL, SPECIAL, OR INCIDENTAL DAMAGES. SOME STATES DO NOT ALLOW THE EXCLUSION OR LIMITATION OF INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES, SO THE ABOVE LIMITATION OR EXCLUSION MAY NOT APPLY TO YOU.

How Do You Get Service? If something goes wrong with your Product during the warranty period, use the following procedure to return the Product to Superchips.

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- Mark the outside of the shipping package with the RA number. Packages that are not marked with the RA number will be refused.
- 3. Make a copy of your sales receipt. The sales receipt must be from the location where you purchased your Product and must include the name of the business where you purchased the Product and the address of such business. Invoices, credit card statements, or sales receipts from an online payment service company will not be accepted.
- 4. Send the Product, postage paid, the copy of the sales receipt, a brief written description of the problem, and your contact information to:

Superchips, Inc. 1790 East Airport Blvd Sanford, FL 32773 Attn: Warranty Claims

We will inspect the Product and either repair it or replace it with a new or rebuilt Product. We reserve the right to use refurbished parts when making repairs.

Your Rights Under State Law: This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.

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Important Note Regarding Storage of Your MAX MicroTuner

It is recommended that you not store your MAX MicroTuner in your vehicle if ambient temperatures in your area fall below 32°F. Excessively low temperatures can cause malfunction or damage to the MAX MicroTuner that is not warranted by the Superchips Inc.

Your Vehicle's STOCK Program

The MAX MicroTuner stores a copy of your vehicle's original stock computer program. Your vehicle computer must contain the manufacturer's STOCK factory program. If you have used a programmer from another aftermarket company you must use their product to return your computer back to STOCK condition before proceeding. If you have a performance enhancing chip installed, it must be removed.

Your Vehicle and Service Centers

If you need to return your vehicle to a service center, restore the vehicle program to its STOCK program as described below. The service center might reprogram your vehicle with an updated STOCK program without your knowledge. If your vehicle has not been returned to its STOCK program prior to service, the Superchips MAX MicroTuner will no longer be able to program your vehicle. Such a failure is not covered by the Superchips warrantv.

Vehicle Preparation – Verv Important!

Before connecting the MAX MicroTuner to your vehicle remove any accessories plugged into the cigarette lighter or accessory power ports. If an aftermarket audio system with amps is present, power to the amps must be turned off. Radio, day time running lights and interior lights, cell phones, etc. all need to be turned off as the MAX MicroTuner needs full battery voltage to program. Ensure your vehicle battery is fully charged and not connected to a battery charger. Do not leave the MAX MicroTuner connected and unattended for any length of time to prevent unnecessary battery drain. Do not remove the programming cable during any programming sequence.

THIS MAY BE THE MOST IMPORTANT INSTRUCTION IN THIS ENTIRE MANUAL! The Ford Motor Company requires that the fuel system be disabled BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO INSTALL A PERFORMANCE PROGRAM OR TO RETURN THE VEHICLE TO ITS STOCK PROGRAM. Typically the fuel system fuse is found in an Auxiliary Fuse Box located under the hood on the right side of the engine as shown in Figures 1-7 below. There are a variety of fuse layouts. You can find the specific location of the fuel system fuse in your owner's manual. Failure to remove this fuse may cause severe damage to your engine that is not covered by the Superchips warranty.

Important Note for 2003 and Later Ford Expeditions & Lincoln Navigators A special procedure is required to disable the fuel system in your vehicle. Please see Section 11 on page 12 for instructions.



Disabling the Fuel System

Locate the auxiliary fuse box usually located under the hood on the driver's side. Open the hinged lid of the black plastic box. There is usually a diagram of fuse locations on the inside of the lid. Check your Vehicle Owner's Manual for the fuel system fuse number. There are a variety of fuse configurations as shown in Figures 3-7.



Figure 1

With the ignition key in the OFF position, remove the fuel system fuse.

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Figure 3 **Typical Fuse Arrangement**

Typical Fuse Arrangement 1996 Bronco MAXI Fuse #16, 20 Amp

> Typical Fuse Arrangement 1997-1998 F150. 1999 Expedition MAXI Fuse #19, 20 Amp





Figure 6 Typical Fuse Arrangement 1998 E350 Fuse #17, 30 Amp

Figure 7 **Typical Fuse Arrangement** 1996 Explorer Fuse #3, 20 Amp

1. Connecting the MAX MicroTuner to your vehicle With the ignition switch in the OFF position, locate the diagnostic connector under the dash near the steering wheel or under the glove box and connect the MAX MicroTuner cable to the diagnostic connector. (See Figure 8)

When connected, the MAX MicroTuner will run a self-test, displaying several start-up messages. Following the start up messages, if the MAX MicroTuner has been previously used to program a vehicle, the MicroTuner will beep and display:

MicroTuner is **VIN Locked**

This indicates the MAX MicroTuner has been previously Used to program a vehicle and can not program another. The MAX MicroTuner will continue to operate normally on the original vehicle and may be used as a DTC Reader on other Ford vehicles.

The MAX MicroTuner then displays the following message:

Begin with Ign. OFF Press >





2000-2001 F150 Fuse #9, 20 Amp

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Insure the ignition switch is OFF, then press the '>' key on the keypad. The MAX MicroTuner alternately displays the following messages:

Turn Ignition ON	then	Press >
Do NOT START Eng		to Continue

2. Selecting Tune Vehicle / Diagnostics

Turn the ignition switch to the ON position. Press the '>' key on the keypad. The MAX MicroTuner will beep and display the message:

A= Tune Vehicle B= Diagnostics

Press the 'A' key on the keypad to continue with the tuning process.

Press the 'B' key to read and/or clear any Diagnostic Trouble Codes from the vehicle. See provided Reader Instructions and Code Interpretations in the separate manual for this purpose with your MAX Micro tuner.

3. Vehicle Programming

The MAX MicroTuner will beep and display the message:

Is FUEL System Disabled YES/NO?

If 'NO' is pressed, the MAX MicroTuner will beep and display the following messages:

then

FUEL System Must	then	S
Be Disabled 1st!		fe

See Tuner Manual for Procedure...

Press Any Key To Continue...

After pressing a key, the MAX MicroTuner beeps and returns to *Selecting Tune Vehicle / Diagnostics* at Step 2.

If 'YES' is pressed, the MAX MicroTuner will proceed to establish communications and display the following message:

Establishing Communications

The MAX MicroTuner is establishing communications with and identifying the vehicle computer. If the MAX MicroTuner has not yet been used to program a vehicle, no vehicle ID will be stored in the MAX MicroTuner. In such a case, the MAX MicroTuner will begin saving the STOCK program for the vehicle. If the vehicle ID matches a vehicle ID stored in the MicroTuner, the MAX MicroTuner will go directly to the *Return to Stock Sequence Section* at Step 10 that follows.

Not the Original	
Vehicle/Program	

Error Type: 09 * Call Superchips!

Press '>' to Continue...

* Other error codes, with or without explanations may be displayed.

then

then

Pressing the '>' key will cause the MAX MicroTuner to beep and display the message:

Please Wait...

After a few seconds the MAX MicroTuner resets and returns to the power-up self test.

4. Saving the STOCK program for the vehicle

The manufacturer's STOCK program is first saved in the MAX MicroTuner to allow the vehicle to be reprogrammed to STOCK condition if necessary. The STOCK program is saved only the first time the vehicle is programmed.

Once the MAX MicroTuner has established communications, it will beep and display the message:

Turn Ignition OFF Press >

Turn the ignition to the OFF position and press the '>' key on the keypad. The MAX MicroTuner will beep and blink the following message for approximately 6 seconds:

Initialization.. Please Wait...

After initialization is complete, the MAX MicroTuner will beep and display the message:

Turn Ignition ON Do NOT START Eng

Turn the ignition to the ON position. The MAX MicroTuner will beep and start saving the stock program. This will take about three minutes. The MAX MicroTuner will blink the following message:

Saving Stock

The bottom line of the display shows the progress of the stock upload.

When completed, the MAX MicroTuner checks to see if the stock program it has uploaded can be found in its internal database. If not it will display the message:

Tuner Requires an Update	then	Call Superchips! or
Check Vehicle application	then	Press any key to continue

If the stock upload is found in the internal database, the MAX MicroTuner will beep and display the message:

Please Wait...

The MAX MicroTuner is testing to see if the Passive Anti-Theft System (PATS) is active. If PATS is active, the MAX MicroTuner will beep and display the message:

Resetting PATS Please Wait...

If PATS is not active, the MAX MicroTuner automatically clears the vehicle DTCs then displays the message:

Clearing DTCs Please Wait...

The MAX MicroTuner will then beep and display the message:

Stock Saved!!! Press >

5. Installing the Superchips Performance Program

The MAX MicroTuner allows for three levels of performance tuning.

Selecting the tuning level

The "**PERFORMANCE**" tuning level provides the most aggressive performance gains. Use of premium fuel (91 octane or greater) is required to realize these gains. No towing is permitted while using the "PERFORMANCE" tuning level.

The **"87 OCTANE**" tuning level provides optimized engine performance and enhanced transmission tuning when 87 octane fuel is used. The **"87 OCTANE**" tuning level may not be available for all vehicles.

If your vehicle is a Lightning or supercharged Harley Davidson Edition vehicle, an "**HP4**" tuning level is offered in lieu of the "**87 Octane**" tuning level. This tuning level should be used if you have installed a 4lb pulley to raise the boost pressure. Do not select this tuning level if you have the stock pulley installed. Doing so will degrade engine performance.

The "**TOW-PERF**" tuning level provides engine and transmission tuning enhanced for towing applications. The "TOW-PERF" tuning level should be selected when your vehicle is used for towing. Maximum trailer weight of a stock vehicle is specified by the original manufacturer. Towing loads greater than this may cause damage the vehicle. Damage caused by towing weights greater than the maximum trailer weight specified for your vehicle shall not be the responsibility of Superchips Inc. See the important insert regarding "Maximum Trailer Weight" in the packaging materials for your MAX MicroTuner for more information. Use of premium fuel (91 octane or greater) is required.

Caution

The PERFORMANCE, TOW-PERF and HP4 tuning levels require that you use at least 91 octane fuel. Using a lower octane fuel while the PERFORMANCE, TOW-PERF or HP4 tuning level is selected may cause detonation that can cause damage to your engine that is not covered by the Superchips warranty.

The MAX MicroTuner will Display the following:

Tuning Level:

XXXXXXXX

Pressing '<' and '>' on the keypad changes the fuel setting. Pressing 'YES' on the keypad saves the tuning level setting.

If "PERFORMANCE" tuning is selected, the MAX MicroTuner beeps once and displays:

Towing a Trailer YES or NO

If the 'YES' key is pressed to indicate you plan to tow a trailer, the MAX MicroTuner beeps and displays:

Use Tow-Perf

Only

Press >

to Continue...

6. Editing the Custom Options Settings

The MAX MicroTuner will beep and display the keys to use while editing the Custom Option settings:

then

Then

Use < and > to Adjust an Option

Pressing 'YES' Saves the Option

Press Any Key to Start Editing... Pressing '<' and '>' on the keypad adjusts the Custom Option setting. Pressing 'YES' on the keypad saves the Custom Option setting.

Press any key on the keypad to continue. The MAX MicroTuner will beep and display:

Manual Trans? YES / NO

Press 'YES' if the vehicle has a Manual Transmission. Shift Points and Shift Pressures are not options on Manual Transmission vehicles.

Press 'NO' if the vehicle has an Automatic Transmission.

Editing the Shift Points Option Settings

The Shift Point option allows the user to set each Shift Point independently. The choices are:

- Adjust from STOCK (or the gear corrected STOCK) Shift Point +/- ~ 10mph.
- Use the Superchips Performance Program Shift Point setting.

Some basic rules are implemented by the MAX MicroTuner for Shift Point options:

- If the Shift Point is raised, the Down-Shift point remains at the STOCK or *Superchips Performance Program* setting.
- If the Shift Point is lowered both the Up-Shift and Down-Shift settings are lowered proportionally.
- The WOT (Wide Open Throttle) setting is raised or lowered proportionally with the Up-Shift setting.

The following screens for editing the Shift Points are the same for all Shift Points, except the selected Shift Point replaces 'n-n' in the descriptions that follow.

The MAX MicroTuner will beep and initially display the message:

SHIFT POINT n-n Superchips

Once a shift point has been changed, the message displayed will be:

SHIFT POINT n-n MIN----ST----MAX

(n-n is 1-2, 2-3 or 3-4, ST = Stock)

The present Shift Point setting will flash. MAX is approximately 10mph above the STOCK setting. MIN is approximately 10mph below the STOCK setting.

Use '<' to lower the Shift Point, '>' to raise the Shift Point. Press '>' while MAX is flashing to select the *Superchips Performance Program* setting. Press 'YES' to save the desired Shift Point setting.

The MAX MicroTuner will repeat this process for each Shift Point.

Editing the Shift Pressure Option Settings

The Shift Pressure Option allows the user to set each Shift Pressure independently. The choices are:

- Use the STOCK setting for the Shift Pressure.
- Adjust the Superchips Performance Program setting for the Shift Pressure.

The following screens for adjusting the Shift Pressure are the same for all Shift Pressures, except the selected Shift Pressure replaces 'n-n' in the descriptions that follow.

After choosing the shift points you wish to use, the MAX MicroTuner will beep and initially display the message:

SHIFT PRESS n-n Superchips Once a shift pressure has been changed, the message displayed will be:

SHIFT PRESS. n-n MIN-----MAX (n

(n-n is 1-2, 2-3 or 3-4)

The present Shift Pressure setting will flash. The vehicle program determines the MAX setting. MIN is the vehicle's stock setting. Use '<' to lower the Shift Pressure, '>' to raise the Shift Pressure. Press '>' while MAX is flashing to select the *Superchips Performance Program* setting. Press 'YES' to save the Shift Pressure Custom Option setting. The MAX MicroTuner will repeat this process for each Shift Pressure.

Editing the Speed Limiter Option Setting

The Speed Limiter option allows the user to set the vehicle Speed Limiter to:

- Use the Superchips Performance Program raised setting.
- Use the STOCK setting.

The MAX MicroTuner will beep and display the message:

SPEED LIMITER Raise or Stock

The current Speed Limiter setting will flash. Use '<' or '>' to change the setting and 'YES' to save the Speed Limiter Custom Option setting.

Editing the Tire Height Option Setting

The Tire Height Option allows the user to correct the Speedometer/Odometer when other than stock tires are installed. The Tire Height Option allows the user to set the Tire Height to STOCK or 24.0 - 38.0 inches in 1/4-inch intervals. <u>Tire height should be measured from the top of the tire at its highest point to the ground</u>.

The MAX MicroTuner will beep and display the message:

TIRE Height:

XX.XX

The present Tire Height setting is displayed. Use '<' or '>' to change the Tire Height setting and 'YES' to save the Tire Height Custom Option setting. The STOCK tire size setting is selected by pressing '<' when the 24.00 tire height is displayed.

Note: The Tire Height Option is NOT supported for all vehicles.

Editing the Gear Size Option Setting

The Gear Size Option allows the MAX Tuner to match the transmission Shift Points to the selected Gear Size. It also corrects the Speedometer/Odometer when other than STOCK Gears are installed. The Gear Size Option allows you to set the Gear Size to STOCK or one of the following options:

2.73, 3.08, 3.27, 3.31, 3.55, 3.73, 4.10, 4.56

Note: The Gear Size Option is NOT supported for all vehicles.

The MAX MicroTuner will beep and display the message:

Set GEAR Size:

XXX (xxx is Stock or the Gear Size)

The present Gear Size setting flashes. Use '<' or '>' to change the Gear Size setting and 'YES' to save the Gear Size Custom Option setting. Pressing '<' key when the lowest gear ratio is displayed will select the STOCK gear setting.

7. Viewing the Option Settings

The MAX MicroTuner will beep and display the message:

View Custom Opts? YES or NO

Press 'YES' to view the present values of the Custom Option Settings. Press any key on the MAX MicroTuner keypad. The Custom Options current settings will be presented in order. Press any key to view the next Custom Option setting.

Press 'NO' to continue without viewing the Custom Option Settings. The MAX MicroTuner will beep and display the message:

Accept Custom Opts? YES or NO

Press 'YES' on the MAX MicroTuner keypad to continue with the tuning process. Press 'NO' to start over at *Installing the Superchips Performance Program* at Step 5.

Install TUNING? YES or NO

Press 'YES' on the MAX MicroTuner keypad to continue with the tuning process. Press 'NO' to start over at *Selecting Tune Vehicle / Diagnostics* at Step 2.

8. Programming Section

The MAX MicroTuner will beep and display the message:

Turn Ignition OFF Press >

Turn the ignition to the OFF position and press the '>' key on the keypad. The MAX MicroTuner will beep and blink the following message for approximately 6 seconds:

Initialization..

Please Wait...

After initialization is complete, the MAX MicroTuner will beep and display the message:

Turn Ignition ON Do NOT START Eng

Turn the ignition switch ON. The MAX MicroTuner will beep once and display the following messages:

then

Ready to Install New TUNING Do NOT turn OFF the IGNITION!!!

then

Press > to Continue...

IMPORTANT NOTE

Do not interrupt the MAX MicroTuner programming cycle or disconnect it from your vehicle until the programming cycle is complete. The entire programming cycle can take several minutes.

Press '>'. The MAX MicroTuner will beep once and erase the present program. The MAX MicroTuner will blink the following message:

Erasing Present Program...

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If the 'YES' key is pressed it will beep once and display the following message:

Turn Ignition

OFF Press >

Turn the ignition to the OFF position and press the '>' key on the keypad.

The MAX MicroTuner will beep and blink the following message for approximately 6 seconds:

Initialization.. Please Wait...

After initialization is complete, the MAX MicroTuner will beep and display the message:

Turn Ignition ON Do NOT START Eng

Turn the ignition to the ON position. The MAX MicroTuner will beep and display the following messages:

Ready to RETURN	then
to STOCK	

Do NOT turn OFF the IGNITION!!!

then

Press >

to Continue...

Press '>'. The MAX MicroTuner will beep once and erase the present program. The MAX MicroTuner will blink the following message:

Erasing Present

Program...

After the program has been erased, the MAX MicroTuner will blink the following message:

Return To STOCK

The bottom line of the display shows the programming progress.

When the programming sequence is completed the MAX MicroTuner beeps and will display:

Please Wait...

The MAX MicroTuner is testing to see if the Passive Anti-Theft System is active. If PATS is active the MAX MicroTuner beeps and displays the message:

Resetting PATS

Please Wait...

If Returning to Stock, and PATS is not active, the MAX MicroTuner automatically clears the vehicle DTCs. The MAX MicroTuner Beeps and displays the following messages:

Clearing DTCs Please Wait	then	TUNING Installed Turn Ign OFF
	then	
Remove the Ford MAX Tuner…	then	Enable the FUEL System…

Turn the ignition OFF and remove the MAX MicroTuner cable.

After the present program has been erased, the MAX MicroTuner will blink the following message:

Install TUNING

The bottom line of the display shows the programming progress.

9. End of Programming Sequence

The programming sequence is now complete. Once the programming sequence has been successfully accomplished on a vehicle, the MAX MicroTuner becomes LOCKED to that vehicle. The MAX MicroTuner may not be used to tune any other vehicle. The MAX MicroTuner may be used on other Ford vehicles as a DTC Reader.

When the programming sequence is completed the MAX MicroTuner beeps and will display:

Please Wait...

The MAX MicroTuner is testing to see if the Passive Anti-Theft System is active. If PATS is active the MAX MicroTuner beeps and displays the message:

Resetting PATS Please Wait...

If Returning to Stock, and PATS is not active, the MAX MicroTuner automatically clears the vehicle DTCs. The MAX MicroTuner Beeps and displays the following messages:

Clearing DTCs Please Wait	then	TUNING Installed Turn Ign OFF
	then	
Remove the Ford MAX Tuner	then	Enable the FUEL System…

Turn the ignition OFF and remove the cable from the diagnostic port.

IMPORTANT NOTE

You MUST disable the fuel system before attempting to install a Performance Program or to return the vehicle to its STOCK condition. Failing to do so can cause serious damage to your engine that is not covered by the Superchips warranty.

10. Return to Stock Sequence

The *Return to Stock Sequence* is used to reprogram a vehicle previously tuned with the Superchips MAX MicroTuner with its original stock tuning. Follow the steps described in *Connecting the Superchips MAX MicroTuner to your vehicle* in section 1. Following the typical start up messages, if the MAX MicroTuner has been previously used to program a vehicle, the MAX MicroTuner will beep and display:

MicroTuner is VIN Locked

This indicates the MAX MicroTuner has been previously used to program a vehicle. It should not be used to program another vehicle. The MAX MicroTuner will continue to operate normally on the original vehicle.

After establishing communications, the MAX MicroTuner will display the following message:

RETURN to STOCK? YES or NO

If 'NO' is pressed, the MAX MicroTuner will return to *Installing the Superchips Performance Program* at Step 5 above.

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No Start after Programming? Don't Panic!

In some vehicles equipped with the Passive Anti-Theft System or PATS, once the MAX MicroTuner begins saving the factory stock program, the THEFT light begins blinking rapidly and may even blink in short and long pulses to alert the user to a problem. Since the Superchips MAX MicroTuner is communicating directly with the PCM, no other devices may interrupt. As a result, the PATS module flags this as an error or theft condition and goes into 'THEFT' mode. After the MAX MicroTuner has completed the programming cycle, the PCM is still fully able to communicate and appears normal. However, the vehicle may be in a No Start Condition and the THEFT light will be blinking rapidly.

Corrective Procedure

This procedure should recover the vehicle and allow it to be started. Therefore, it is recommended that the MAX MicroTuner_programming cycle be completed prior to recovery. i.e. The user should allow the MAX MicroTuner to upload the stock program and should select their choice of performance files and any user options, if available. Following instructions, they should complete the programming process.

Once the vehicle has been programmed with the selected performance program, complete the following steps to reset the PATS THEFT condition if necessary.

Disconnect the Superchips MAX MicroTuner & cable from the vehicle computer interface connector.

If the vehicle will not start and the Theft Light is blinking rapidly

- 1. Remove the Ground (-) cable from the battery post for a period of <u>fifteen minutes</u> to allow the vehicle DTC codes and Theft codes to clear.
- 2. Re-attach the Ground cable to the battery and start the vehicle as you normally would.

Error Notification

In the event the programming cycle is interrupted, the MAX MicroTuner is designed to recover automatically. Follow the on-screen prompts. If for any reason the MAX MicroTuner fails to complete its programming cycle, an error message will be displayed on the unit. Please make note of the message displayed and contact Superchips Customer Service. If you need assistance please contact your local dealer or call Superchips Customer Service at (407) 585-7000, M-F 8:00 AM till 5:00 PM. EST.

11. Special Instructions for Disabling the Fuel System in 2003 and Later Ford Expeditions & Lincoln Navigators

The Ford Motor Company requires that a connector be unplugged under the hood to disable the fuel system. <u>There is no need to remove any fuses</u>. The fuel system connector is located in the Power Train Control Module located under the hood on the passenger side firewall. To disable the fuel system, <u>with the ignition OFF</u>, <u>unplug the center plug only</u> from



this module by pulling down on the connector lever as shown in the figure below.

Remember to reconnect the plug when directed to do so by the MAX MicroTuner.

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