



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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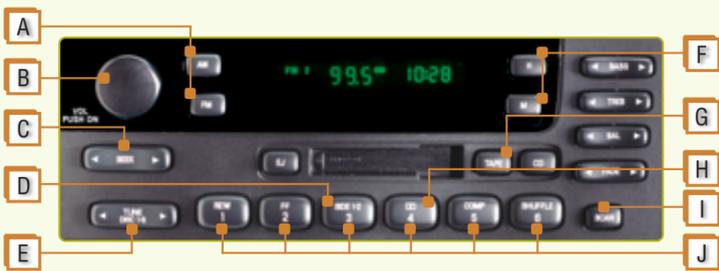


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### AM/FM STEREO CASSETTE (if equipped)



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

- A** **AM/FM Select** – In radio mode, press to select AM or FM frequency bands.
- B** **Volume/Power Control** – Press the control to turn the audio system on or off. Turn the control to raise or lower the volume.
- C** **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.
- D** **Side 1-2** – Press to change tape direction.
- E** **Tune Adjust** – In radio mode, press to move to the next frequency up or down the band.
- F** **Setting the Clock** – Press and hold the H control to set the hour. Press and hold the M control to set the minute.
- G** **Tape Select** – To begin tape play while in radio mode, press the tape control.
- H** **Dolby® Noise Reduction** – Press to activate the system, which reduces tape noise and hiss while playing a tape. Press again to deactivate.
- I** **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.
- J** **Setting Memory Preset Stations** – 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)



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- A** **AM/FM Select** – In radio mode, press to select AM or FM frequency bands.
- B** **Volume/Power Control** – Press the control to turn the audio system on or off. Turn the control to raise or lower the volume.
- C** **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.
- D** **Eject** – Press to eject a CD.
- E** **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.
- F** **Setting Memory Preset Stations** – Select AM, FM1, or FM2 band, then select a station. Next, press and hold a numbered preset control until the sound returns.
- G** **Setting the Clock** – Press and hold the H control to set the hour. Press and hold the M control to set the minute.
- H** **CD Select** – To begin CD play while in radio mode, press the CD control. Press again to toggle between single CD mode and CD changer mode (if equipped).
- I** **Compression** – Press to bring soft and loud passages together for a more consistent listening level.
- J** **Shuffle** – Press to play CD tracks in random order.
- K** **Scan Function** – In radio mode, press to hear a sampling of all listenable stations. In CD or CD changer mode (if equipped), press to hear a brief sampling of all selections.

### AUTOMATIC CLIMATE CONTROL SYSTEM (if equipped)



- A** **Front Window Defroster** – Distributes outside air through the windshield defroster ducts. Can be used to clear ice or fog from the windshield.
- B** **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).
- C** **Fan Speed** – To adjust manually, use the control to raise or lower the fan speed.
- D** **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.
- E** **Outside Temperature** – Press to display the outside air temperature. Press again to return to interior temperature.
- F** **MAX A/C Control** – Press to manually enable or disable the air conditioning in all modes except Defrost.
- G** **Manual Override Controls** – When pressed, these four controls will override automatic operation. All controls allow you to determine where airflow is directed. To return to automatic operation, press AUTO.
- H** **Temperature Selection** – To control the temperature, select the desired temperature by pressing the temperature controls.

### 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.

### ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

**Fuel Tank Capacity** – Your vehicle's fuel tank can accommodate approximately 18 gallons of gasoline.

**Octane Recommendations** – Your vehicle is designed to use "Regular" unleaded gasoline with pump (R+M)/2 octane rating of 87 for optimum performance. The use of gasoline with lower octane ratings may degrade performance.

**Tire Pressure** – Your tire pressure is properly set at the dealership according to the recommended specifications found on the Certification Label located on the driver's door panel. Please check your tire pressure during routine maintenance and seasonal changes. **Warning:** Improperly inflated tires can affect vehicle handling and can fail suddenly, possibly resulting in loss of vehicle control.

**Fuses** – If electrical components in the vehicle are not working, a fuse may have blown. For more information about changing a fuse, please consult your Owner's Guide.

**Changing the Tires** – If you get a flat tire while driving, do not apply the brake heavily. Instead, gradually decrease your speed. Hold the steering wheel firmly and slowly move to a safe place on the side of the road. Your vehicle is equipped with a spare tire that is smaller than a regular tire and is designed for emergency use only. Replace the temporary spare tire with a full-size tire as soon as possible.

Location of the Spare Tire and Tools	
Item	Location
Spare Tire, Jack and Lug Nut Wrench,	In the sedan, located in the trunk cargo area storage compartment.  In the wagon, stored in the left side rear trim panel for the temporary spare and in the floor cargo area storage compartment for the full size spare.

**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, seven 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
- Lock-out assistance
- Jump-starts
- Towing of your vehicle
- Limited fuel delivery

Roadside Assistance Centers	
Country	Phone Number
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.



## TAURUS 2003 MODEL QUICK REFERENCE 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.

**1 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 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.

**2 TURN SIGNAL & WIPER/WASHER CONTROL**  
 Push down to activate the left turn signal or up to activate the right turn signal.  
 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.

**3 SERVICE ENGINE SOON WARNING 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 1/8 of a turn after it stops.

Please note that if the fuel cap is not properly installed, the "Check Fuel Cap" indicator will also illuminate.

**4 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.

**5 HAZARD FLASHER CONTROL**  
 Press to activate the hazard flashers. Press the control again to turn the flashers off.

**6 ABS WARNING LAMP**  
 Illuminates briefly when the ignition is turned to the ON position. In an emergency, apply continuous force on the brake 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.

**7 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.

**8 AUDIO SYSTEMS**  
 Please see reverse side for more details.

**9 AUTOMATIC CLIMATE CONTROL SYSTEM (if equipped)**  
 Please see reverse side for more details.

**10 AUXILIARY POWER POINT**  
 Located under the climate control 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.

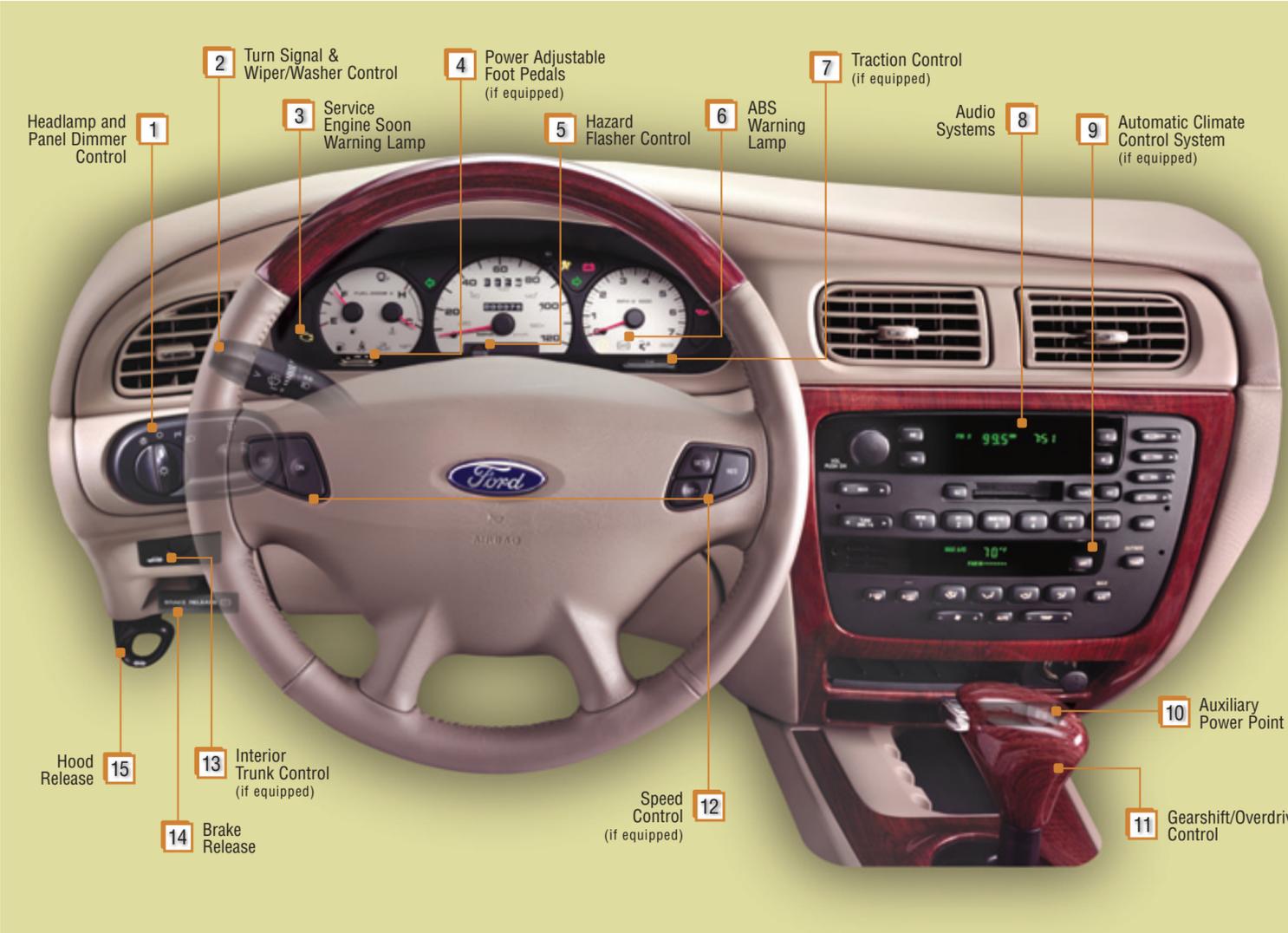
**11 GEARSHIFT/OVERDRIVE CONTROL**  
 Overdrive is the normal drive position for the best fuel economy. Switch to the second drive position only when driving with a heavy load, towing a trailer up or down steep hills, or when additional engine braking is desired. This vehicle is equipped with a brake-shift 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).

**12 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 +. To set a higher speed, press SET + again. To set a lower speed, press SET -. 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.

**13 INTERIOR TRUNK CONTROL (if equipped)**  
 Press to release the trunk. The control is located on the instrument panel to the left of the steering wheel.

**14 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 (when the ignition is turned ON).

**15 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.