Ford Taurus

2003 Ford Taurus Owner's Manual

Your comprehensive guide to the 2003 Ford Taurus.

Introduction to Your Vehicle Manuals

This section provides an overview of the various guides included with your 2003 Ford Taurus, designed to assist you with vehicle operation, maintenance, and warranty information. Familiarizing yourself with these documents is crucial for understanding your vehicle's features and ensuring its longevity.

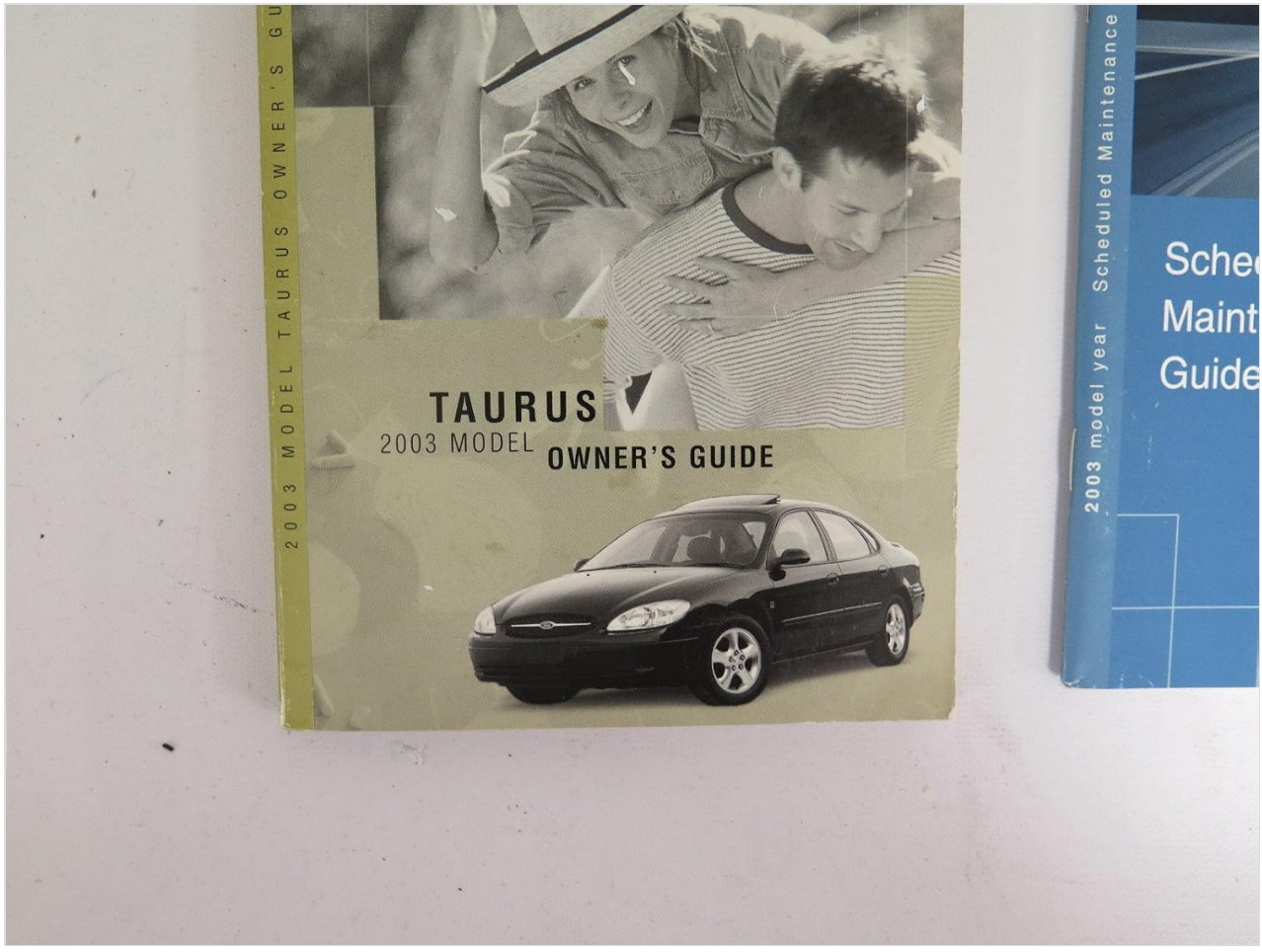


Image: The cover of the 2003 Ford Taurus Owner's Guide. This primary manual contains detailed instructions for operating your vehicle.

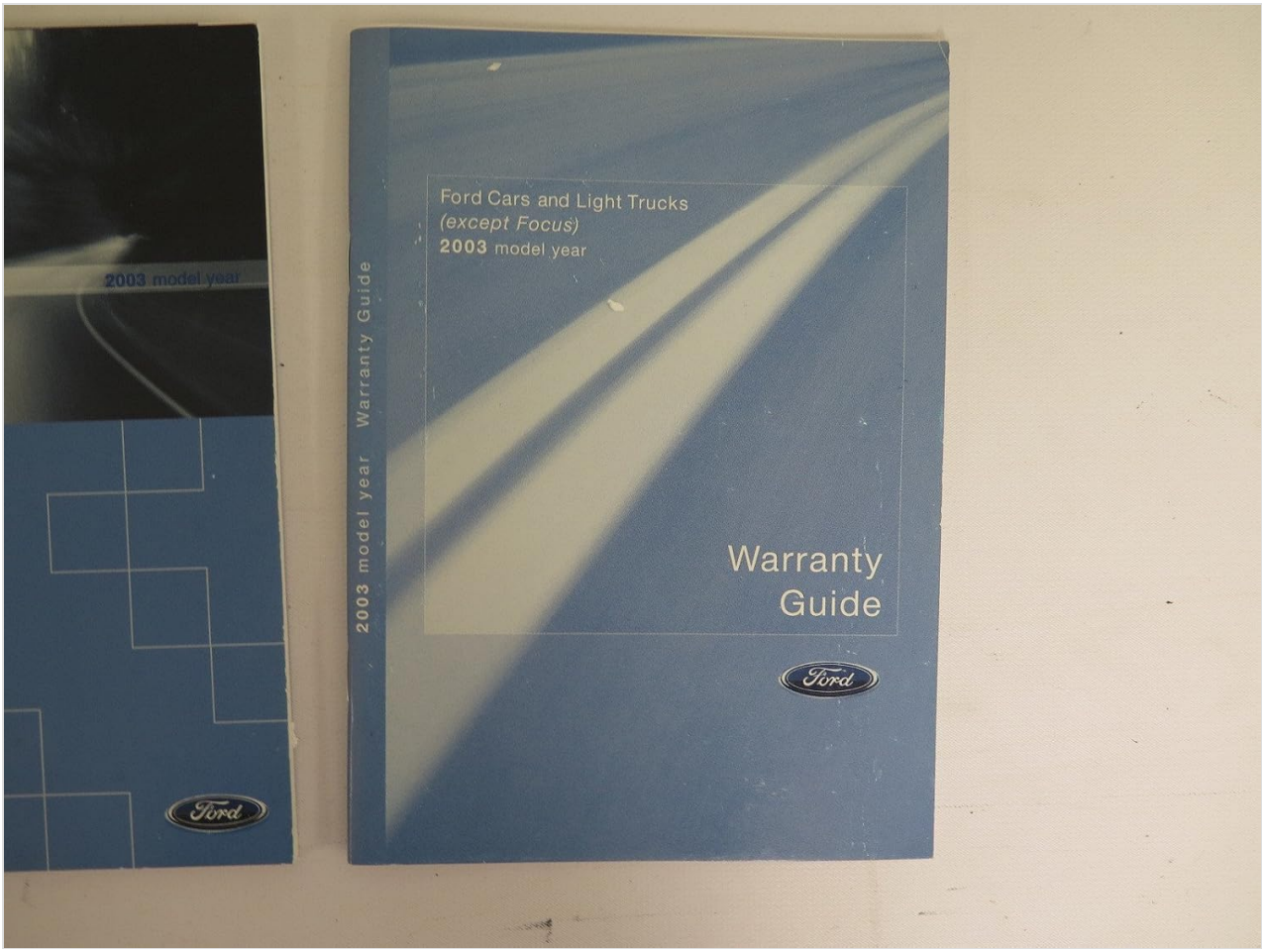


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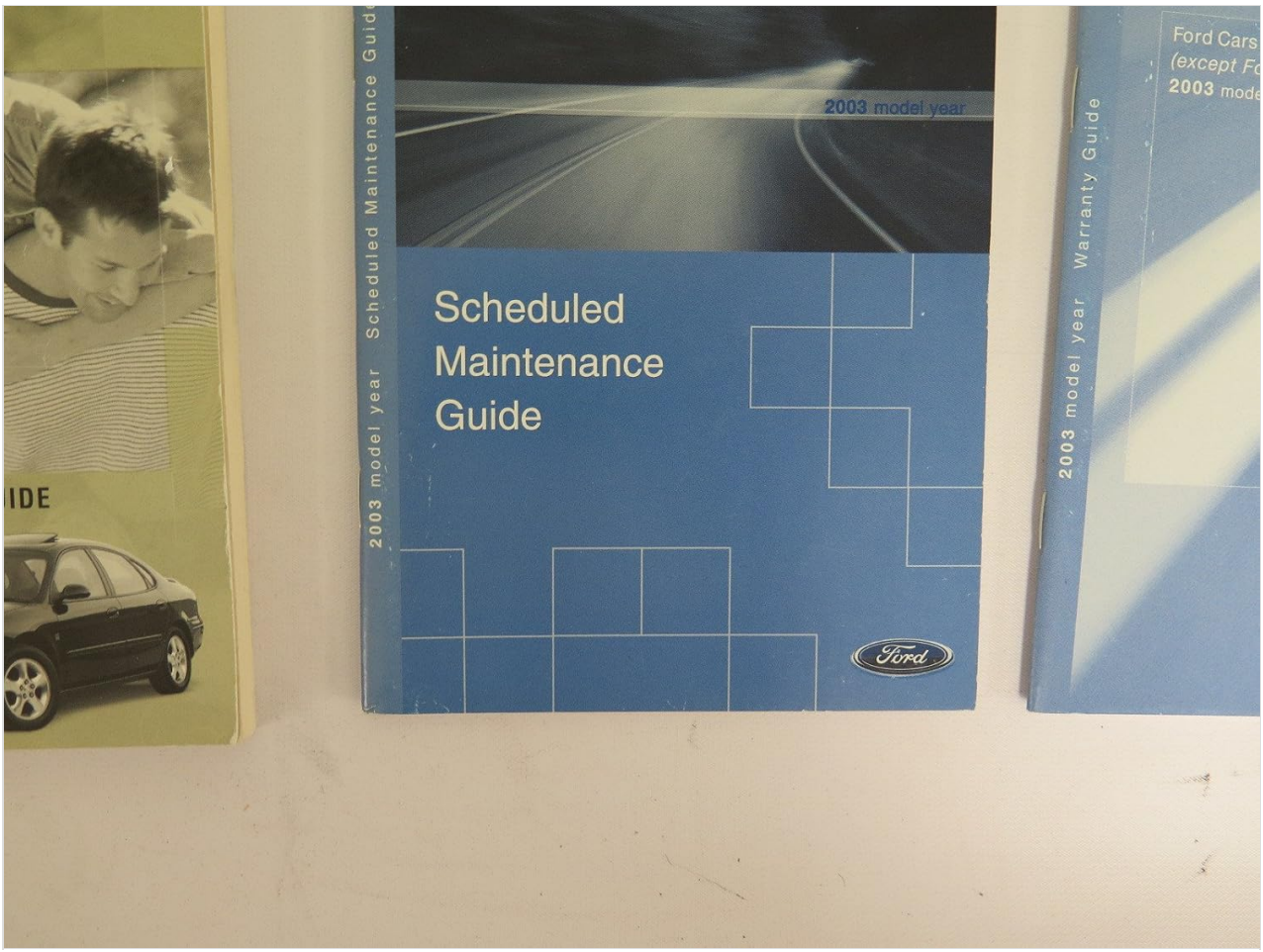


Image: The cover of the 2003 Ford Scheduled Maintenance Guide. This guide details the recommended service intervals and procedures for your Taurus.

Vehicle Overview and Controls

This section introduces the fundamental components and controls of your 2003 Ford Taurus. Understanding these elements is essential for safe and efficient operation.

Dashboard Layout and Indicators

The dashboard provides critical information about your vehicle's status. Familiarize yourself with the speedometer, tachometer, fuel gauge, and temperature gauge. Various indicator lights illuminate to alert you to specific conditions, such as low fuel, engine malfunctions, or active safety systems. Consult your Owner's Guide for a complete list and explanation of all dashboard indicators.

Steering Wheel Controls

Your steering wheel may include controls for the audio system, cruise control, and horn. These controls are designed for convenient access while driving, allowing you to maintain focus on the road.

Operation

Proper operation of your 2003 Ford Taurus ensures safety and optimal performance. This section covers basic driving procedures.

Starting and Stopping the Engine

To start the engine, ensure the transmission is in Park (P) or Neutral (N). Insert the key into the ignition and turn it to the START position. Release the key once the engine starts. To stop the engine, shift the transmission to Park (P), engage the parking brake, and turn the key to the OFF position.

Automatic Transmission Operation

Your Taurus is equipped with an automatic transmission. The gear selector positions are: Park (P), Reverse (R), Neutral (N), Drive (D), and possibly lower gears (2, 1) for specific driving conditions. Always apply the brake pedal before shifting out of Park or Neutral.

Driving Tips

For optimal fuel efficiency and vehicle longevity, practice smooth acceleration and deceleration. Avoid excessive idling and maintain proper tire pressure. Always adhere to traffic laws and drive defensively.

Maintenance

Regular maintenance is vital for the reliability, safety, and resale value of your 2003 Ford Taurus. Adhere to the recommended service schedule.

Scheduled Maintenance

Refer to your Scheduled Maintenance Guide for detailed service intervals and required procedures. This typically includes oil changes, filter replacements, tire rotations, and inspections of various components. Following this schedule helps prevent major issues and ensures your vehicle operates efficiently.

Image: A closer view of the 2003 Ford Scheduled Maintenance Guide. This guide is essential for keeping your vehicle in top condition.

Fluid Checks

Periodically check engine oil, coolant, brake fluid, power steering fluid, and windshield washer fluid levels. Refer to your Owner's Guide for proper checking procedures and recommended fluid types.

Tire Care

Maintain correct tire pressure as specified on the vehicle's door jamb label. Regularly inspect tires for wear and damage. Rotate tires according to the maintenance schedule to ensure even wear and extend tire life.

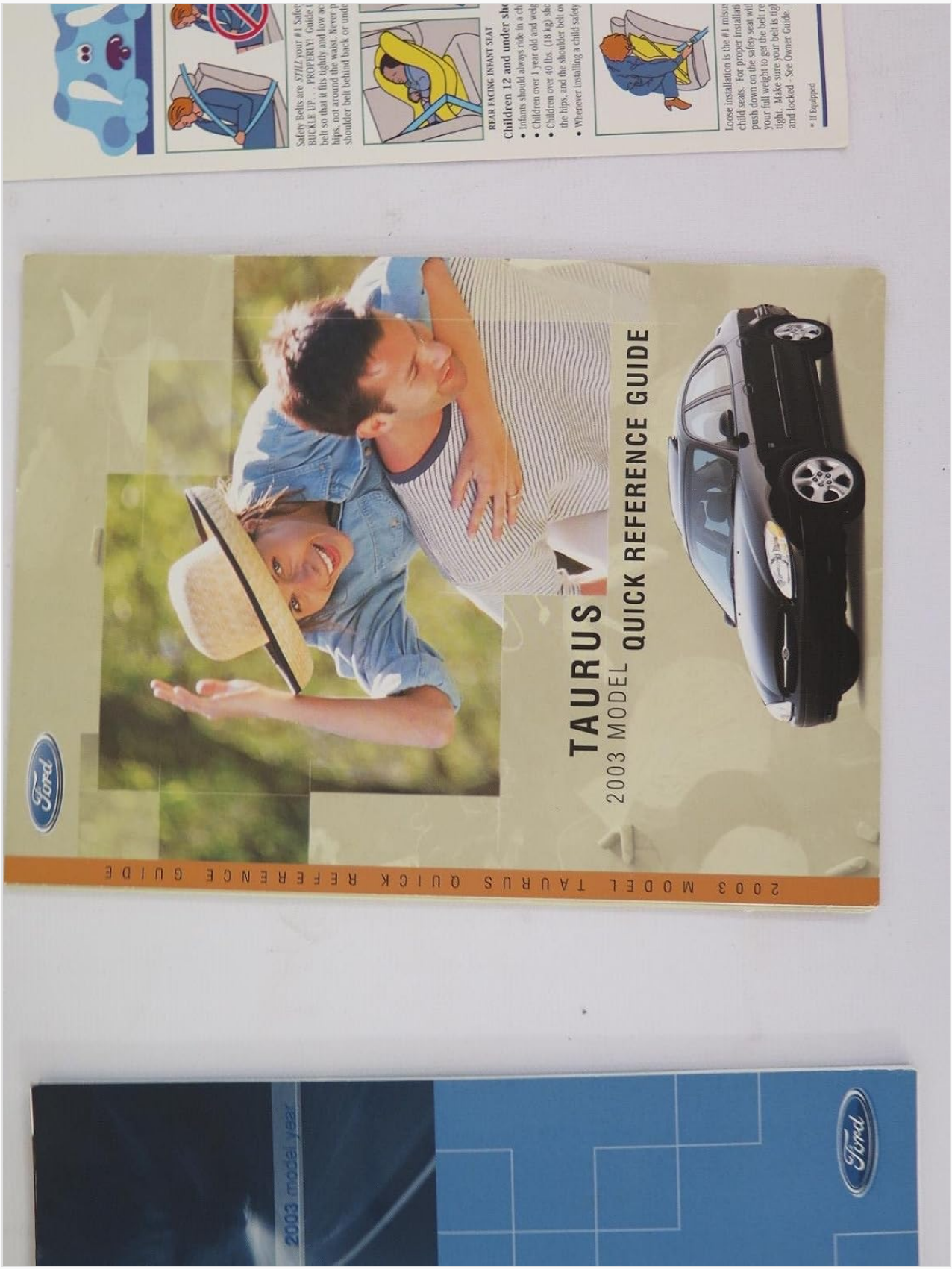


Image: An insert detailing the Limited Warranty for Original Equipment Passenger Car & Light Truck Tires, featuring a Continental tire. This document provides important information regarding tire adjustments and maintenance recommendations.

TROUBLESHOOTING

This section provides guidance for addressing common issues you might encounter with your 2003 Ford Taurus.

Engine Not Starting

If the engine does not start, check the battery terminals for corrosion, ensure the battery is charged, and verify the transmission is in Park or Neutral. If the issue persists, consult a qualified technician.

Warning Lights

When a warning light illuminates on your dashboard, it indicates a potential issue. Refer to your Owner's Guide for specific meanings and recommended actions. Some lights may require immediate attention, while others indicate routine service is due.

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Warranty Information

Your 2003 Ford Taurus comes with a limited warranty. The Warranty Guide provides comprehensive details regarding coverage, exclusions, and the duration of various components. It is important to review this document to understand your rights and responsibilities as a vehicle owner.



Image: The main cover image of the 2003 Ford Warranty Guide. This guide contains all official warranty terms.

For specific warranty claims or questions, please refer to the contact information provided within your Warranty Guide or contact an authorized Ford dealership.

Customer Support

For further assistance, questions regarding your 2003 Ford Taurus, or to locate an authorized service center, please contact Ford Customer Service. You can find contact details in your Owner's Guide or on the official Ford website.

Always ensure that any service or repairs are performed by qualified technicians using genuine Ford parts to maintain vehicle integrity and warranty coverage.