

Ford Taurus

1989 Ford Taurus Owners Manual

Your comprehensive guide to operating and maintaining your vehicle.

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INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential information for the safe and efficient operation and maintenance of your 1989 Ford Taurus. Please read it thoroughly to familiarize yourself with the vehicle's features, controls, and safety systems. Understanding this information will help ensure a long and reliable service life for your vehicle. All information, illustrations, and specifications contained in this manual are based on the latest product information available at the time of publication. Ford Motor Company reserves the right to make changes at any time without notice.

GETTING STARTED

Before operating your 1989 Ford Taurus, it is important to understand the basic layout and functions of the driver's compartment. This section will guide you through initial familiarization.

Understanding Your Owner's Manual

This manual is organized into several sections, each covering specific aspects of your vehicle. Use the navigation links or refer to the relevant sections for detailed information.



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OPERATING YOUR 1989 FORD TAURUS

This section details the controls and features necessary for driving your vehicle.

Starting and Stopping the Engine

- **Starting:** 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.
- **Stopping:** Bring the vehicle to a complete stop. Shift the transmission to Park (P). Turn the ignition key to the OFF position and remove it.

Dashboard Indicators and Gauges

Familiarize yourself with the instrument cluster, which provides vital information about your vehicle's status. Key indicators include:

- **Speedometer:** Displays current vehicle speed.
- **Tachometer:** Displays engine revolutions per minute (RPM).
- **Fuel Gauge:** Indicates the fuel level in the tank.
- **Temperature Gauge:** Shows engine coolant temperature.
- **Oil Pressure Warning Light:** Illuminates if engine oil pressure is low.
- **Battery Charge Warning Light:** Illuminates if the charging system is not functioning correctly.

Transmission Operation

Your 1989 Ford Taurus is equipped with an automatic transmission. The gear selector positions are:

- **P (Park):** Locks the transmission and prevents the wheels from turning. Use when parking or starting the engine.
- **R (Reverse):** For backing up the vehicle.
- **N (Neutral):** Allows the wheels to turn freely. Use when starting the engine or for brief stops.
- **D (Drive):** For normal forward driving.
- **2 (Second Gear):** For increased engine braking or starting on slippery surfaces.
- **1 (First Gear):** For maximum engine braking or pulling heavy loads at low speeds.

MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance is crucial for the longevity and performance of your 1989 Ford Taurus. Refer to the maintenance schedule in this manual for specific intervals.

Fluid Checks

- **Engine Oil:** Check oil level regularly using the dipstick. Add oil as needed, ensuring it meets Ford specifications.
- **Coolant:** Verify coolant level in the reservoir when the engine is cool.
- **Brake Fluid:** Check the brake fluid level in the master cylinder reservoir.
- **Power Steering Fluid:** Inspect the power steering fluid level.
- **Windshield Washer Fluid:** Keep the reservoir filled for clear visibility.

Tire Care

- **Tire Pressure:** Check tire pressure monthly, including the spare. Refer to the tire placard for recommended pressures.
- **Tire Rotation:** Rotate tires at recommended intervals to ensure even wear.
- **Tread Depth:** Inspect tire tread for wear and damage. Replace tires when tread depth is insufficient.

TROUBLESHOOTING COMMON ISSUES

This section provides guidance for addressing minor operational problems. For complex issues, consult a qualified service technician.

Symptom	Possible Cause	Action
Engine cranks but won't start	Low fuel, dead battery, faulty ignition system	Check fuel level, jump-start battery, consult technician
Overheating engine	Low coolant, faulty thermostat, radiator issues	Stop safely, allow to cool, check coolant, consult technician
Brakes feel spongy	Low brake fluid, air in system, worn brake pads	Check fluid, have brakes inspected immediately

SPECIFICATIONS

Key technical specifications for the 1989 Ford Taurus.

- **Engine Options:** Various V6 engines (e.g., 2.5L HSC I4, 3.0L Vulcan V6, 3.8L Essex V6)
- **Transmission:** 3-speed or 4-speed automatic
- **Fuel Tank Capacity:** Approximately 16 gallons (varies by model)
- **Tire Size:** Varies by trim level (e.g., P185/75R14, P205/65R15)
- **Curb Weight:** Approximately 3,000 - 3,300 lbs (varies by model)

Note: Specific values may vary based on trim level and optional equipment. Refer to your vehicle's specific documentation for precise figures.

SAFETY INFORMATION

Your safety and the safety of your passengers are paramount. Always adhere to the following safety guidelines:

- **Seat Belts:** Always wear your seat belt and ensure all passengers are properly restrained.
- **Airbags:** Understand the location and function of airbags. Do not place objects over airbag deployment areas.
- **Child Safety:** Use appropriate child safety seats for children as required by law and vehicle recommendations.
- **Driving Safely:** Drive defensively, obey all traffic laws, and avoid distractions.
- **Maintenance:** Keep your vehicle in good working order through regular maintenance to prevent safety hazards.

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

This owner's manual contains information regarding the original warranty coverage provided by Ford Motor Company for your 1989 Ford Taurus. For specific warranty terms, conditions, and limitations, please refer to the dedicated warranty booklet that accompanied your vehicle at the time of purchase.

For technical assistance or service inquiries, please contact an authorized Ford dealership. They are equipped with the necessary tools and trained personnel to service your vehicle correctly.

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