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Ford Focus

2001 Ford Focus Owner's Manual

Your comprehensive guide to operating and maintaining your vehicle.

Introduction

This manual provides essential information for the safe and efficient operation of your 2001 Ford Focus. It covers various aspects from basic controls to maintenance schedules and safety guidelines. Please read it thoroughly to familiarize yourself with your vehicle's features and ensure a safe driving experience.

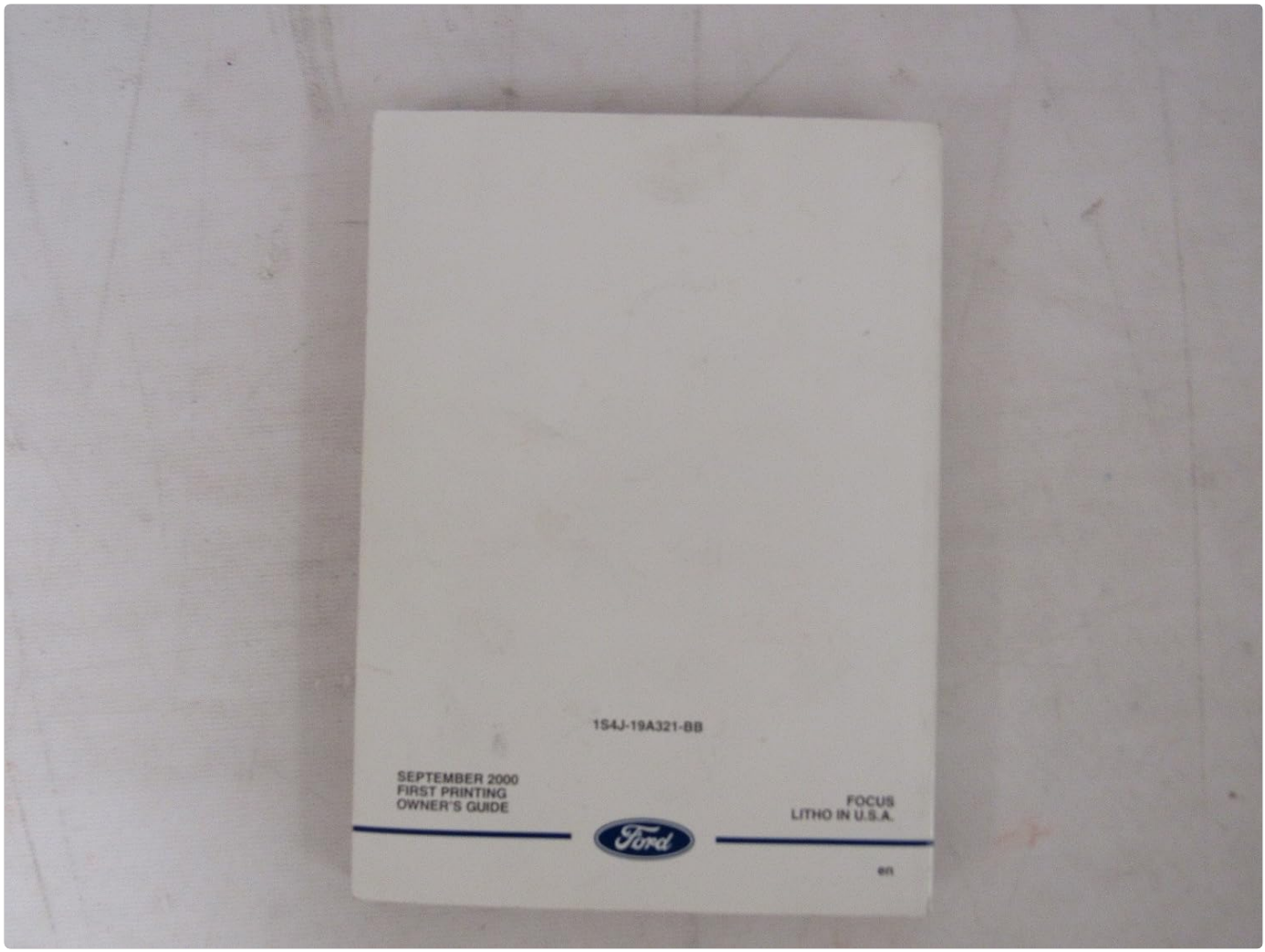

Figure 1: Front cover of the 2001 Ford Focus Owner's Manual. This image displays the official manual for the vehicle.

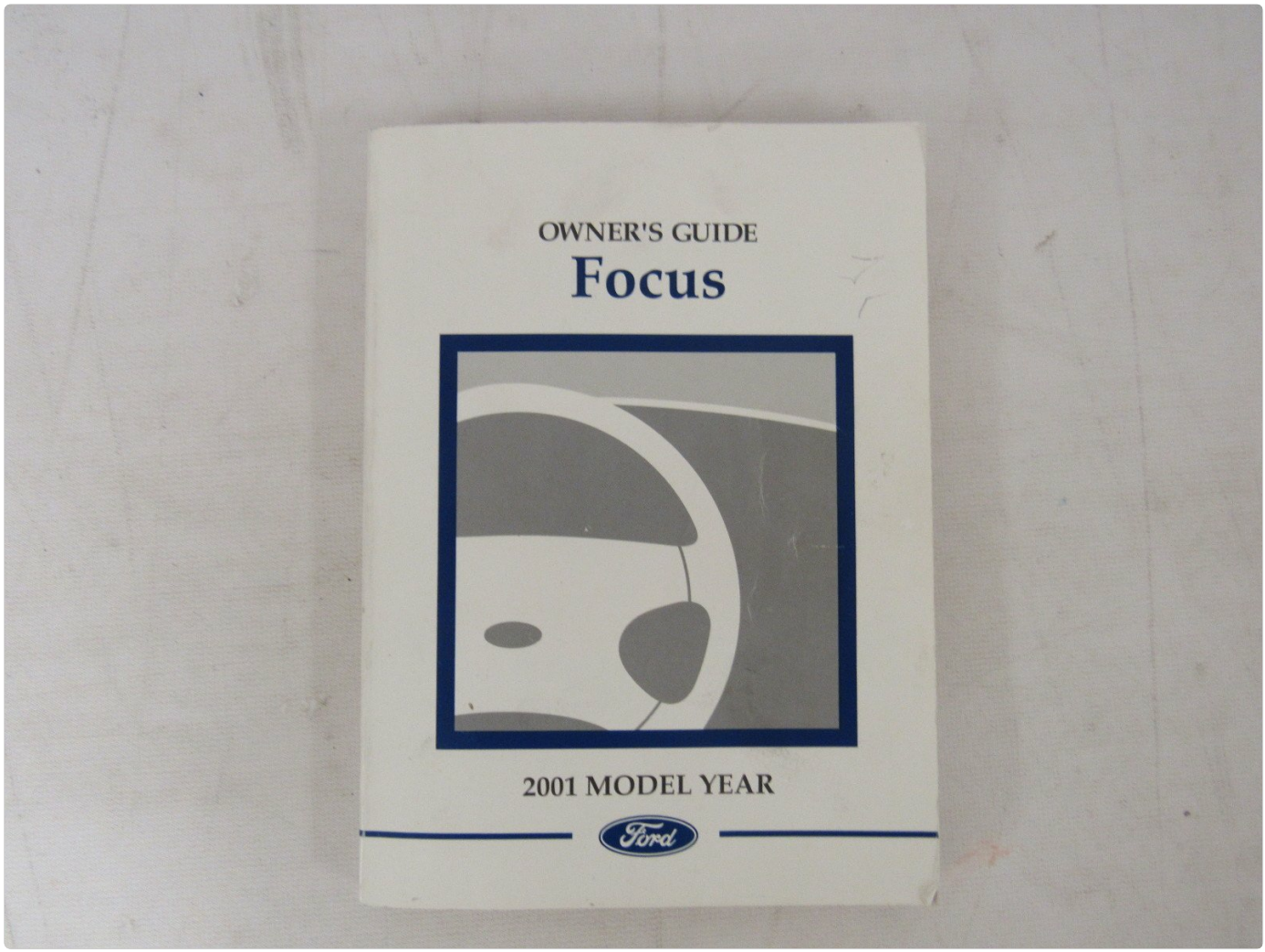

Figure 2: Back cover of the 2001 Ford Focus Owner's Guide, showing the part number 1S4J-19A321-BB and printing details from September 2000.

Setup and Initial Adjustments

Before driving, ensure your vehicle is properly adjusted for comfort and safety. This section details how to adjust key components.

Driver's Seat with Manual Height Adjustment

To adjust the driver's seat height, locate the manual height adjustment knob on the front lower right portion of the seat. Rotate the knob to raise or lower the seat to your desired position. Separate controls exist for fore/aft and seatback recline adjustments.

Tilt and Telescoping Steering Wheel

To adjust the steering wheel, pull the lever located under the steering column. Move the steering wheel up or down, and in or out, to achieve a comfortable driving position. Once adjusted, push the lever back into place to lock the steering wheel. **WARNING:** Never adjust the steering wheel while the vehicle is moving.

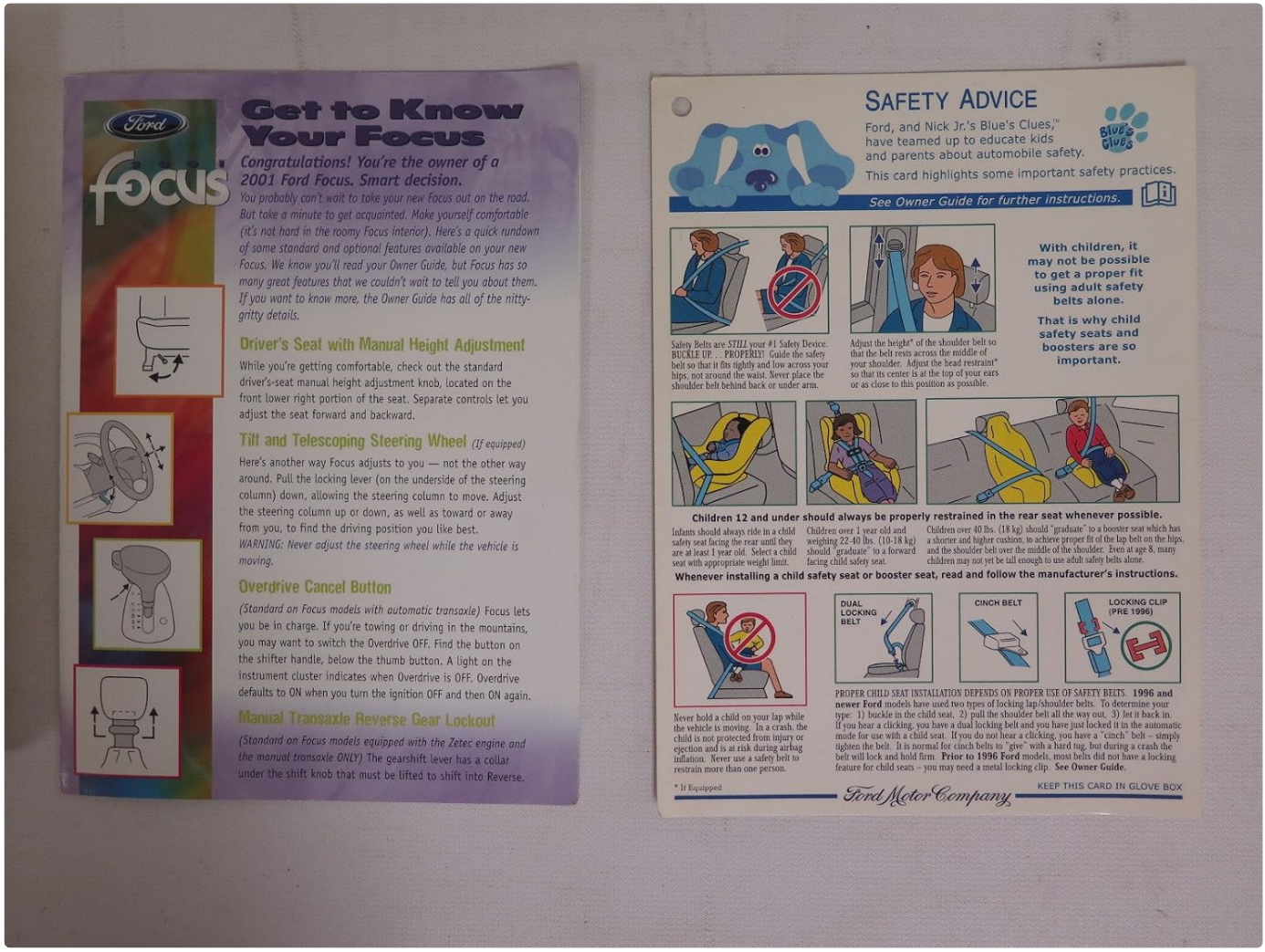

Figure 3: An interior page from the owner's manual illustrating adjustments for the driver's seat and steering wheel, alongside important safety advice regarding child restraints.

Operating Instructions

This section covers the basic operation of your Ford Focus, including specific controls and features.

Overdrive Cancel Button (Automatic Transaxle)

For vehicles equipped with an automatic transaxle, the Overdrive Cancel button is located on the gearshift lever. Pressing this button will turn Overdrive off, indicated by a light on the instrument cluster. Pressing it again will turn Overdrive back on. Overdrive is typically used for highway driving to improve fuel efficiency. Turning it off can be useful for engine braking on downhill grades or when more power is needed for acceleration.

Manual Transaxle Reverse Gear Lockout

For manual transaxle models, to engage reverse gear, lift the collar under the shift knob and then move the lever into the reverse position. This lockout mechanism prevents accidental engagement of reverse gear.

Safety Information

Your safety and the safety of your passengers are paramount. This section highlights important safety practices and guidelines.

Child Safety Seats

Children 12 and under should always be properly restrained in the rear seat whenever possible. Infants and small children should be secured in appropriate child safety seats. Always follow the child safety seat manufacturer's instructions for installation and use. Ensure the child safety seat is appropriate for the child's weight and height. When installing a child safety seat or booster seat, always refer to the specific instructions provided with the seat and your vehicle's owner's manual for proper anchorage and belt routing.

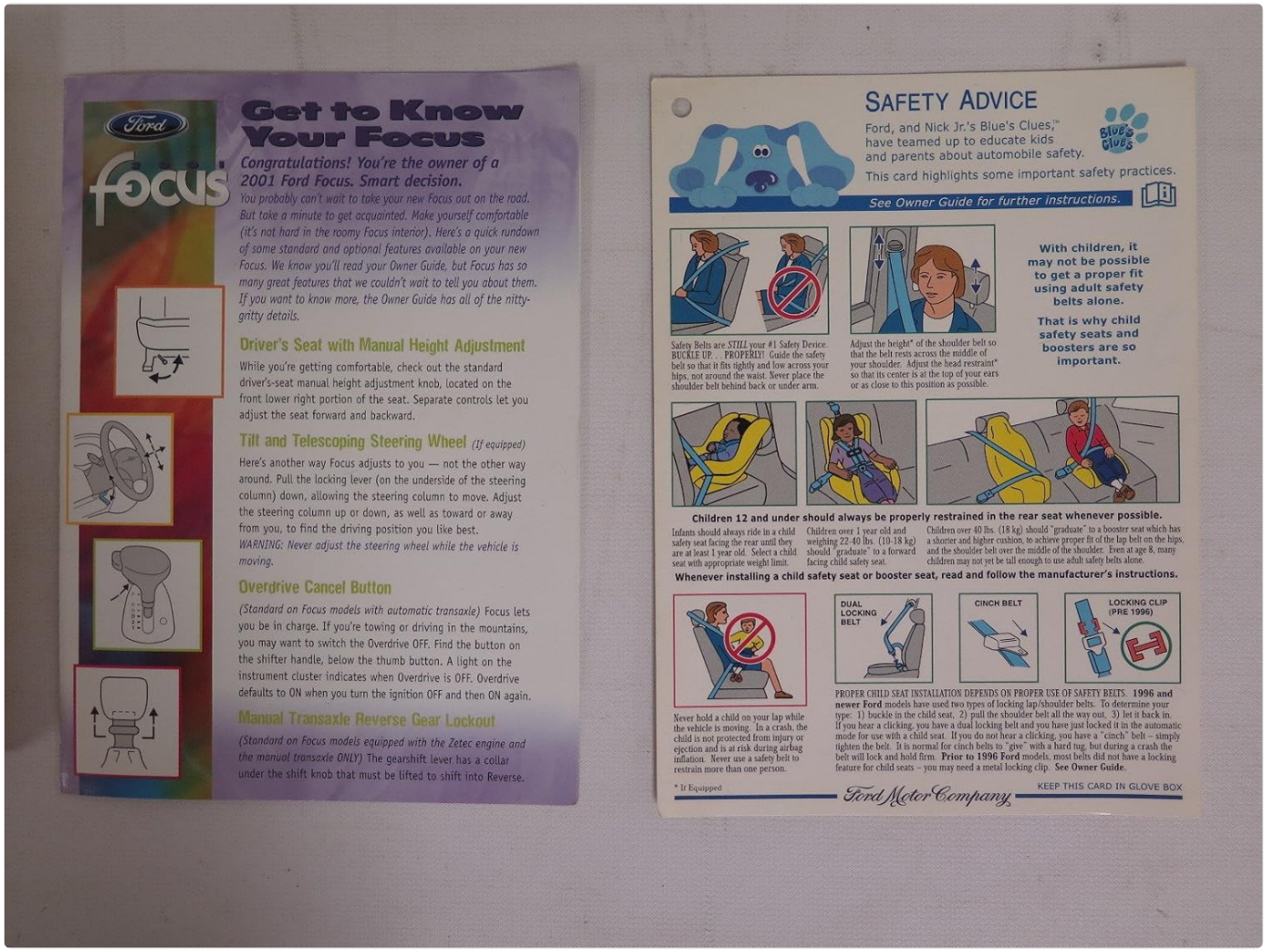

Figure 4: This image illustrates proper use of safety belts and child restraints, emphasizing the importance of correct fit and installation for children of various ages and sizes.

Maintenance

Regular maintenance is crucial for the longevity and optimal performance of your 2001 Ford Focus. Adhere to the scheduled maintenance guidelines.

Scheduled Maintenance Guide

Refer to the dedicated "Scheduled Maintenance Guide" for your 2001 model year Ford Focus. This guide outlines recommended service intervals for various components, including oil changes, tire rotations, fluid checks, and

inspections. Following this schedule helps prevent potential issues and ensures your vehicle remains in good operating condition.

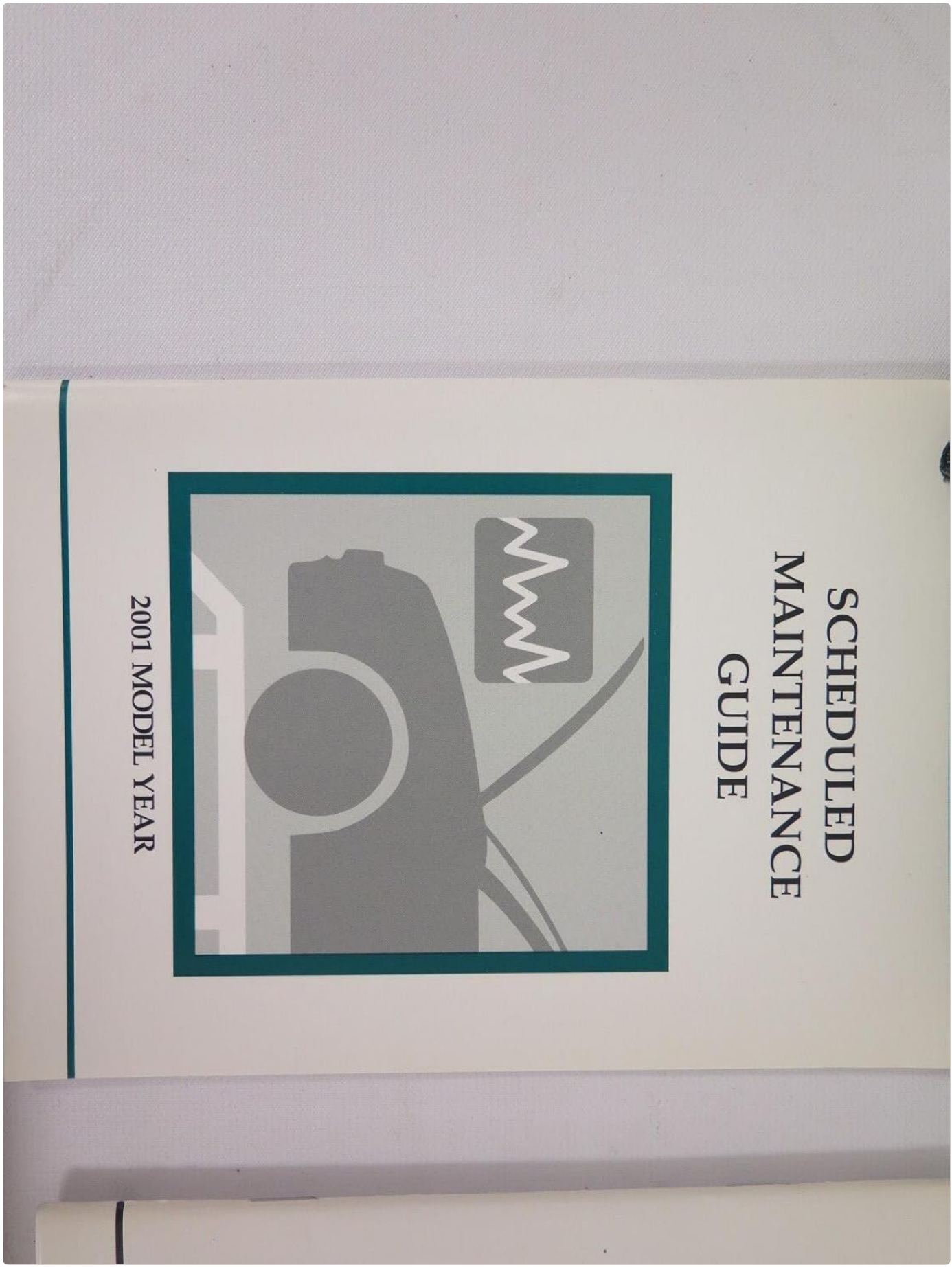

Figure 5: Cover of the "Scheduled Maintenance Guide" for the 2001 Ford Focus, indicating the importance of routine vehicle care.

Tire Maintenance and Safety

Proper tire maintenance is vital for safety and performance. Consult the specific tire maintenance and safety manuals provided by tire manufacturers like Firestone and Hankook for detailed information on tire pressure, rotation, wear indicators, and replacement guidelines. Always ensure your tires are in good condition and correctly inflated.

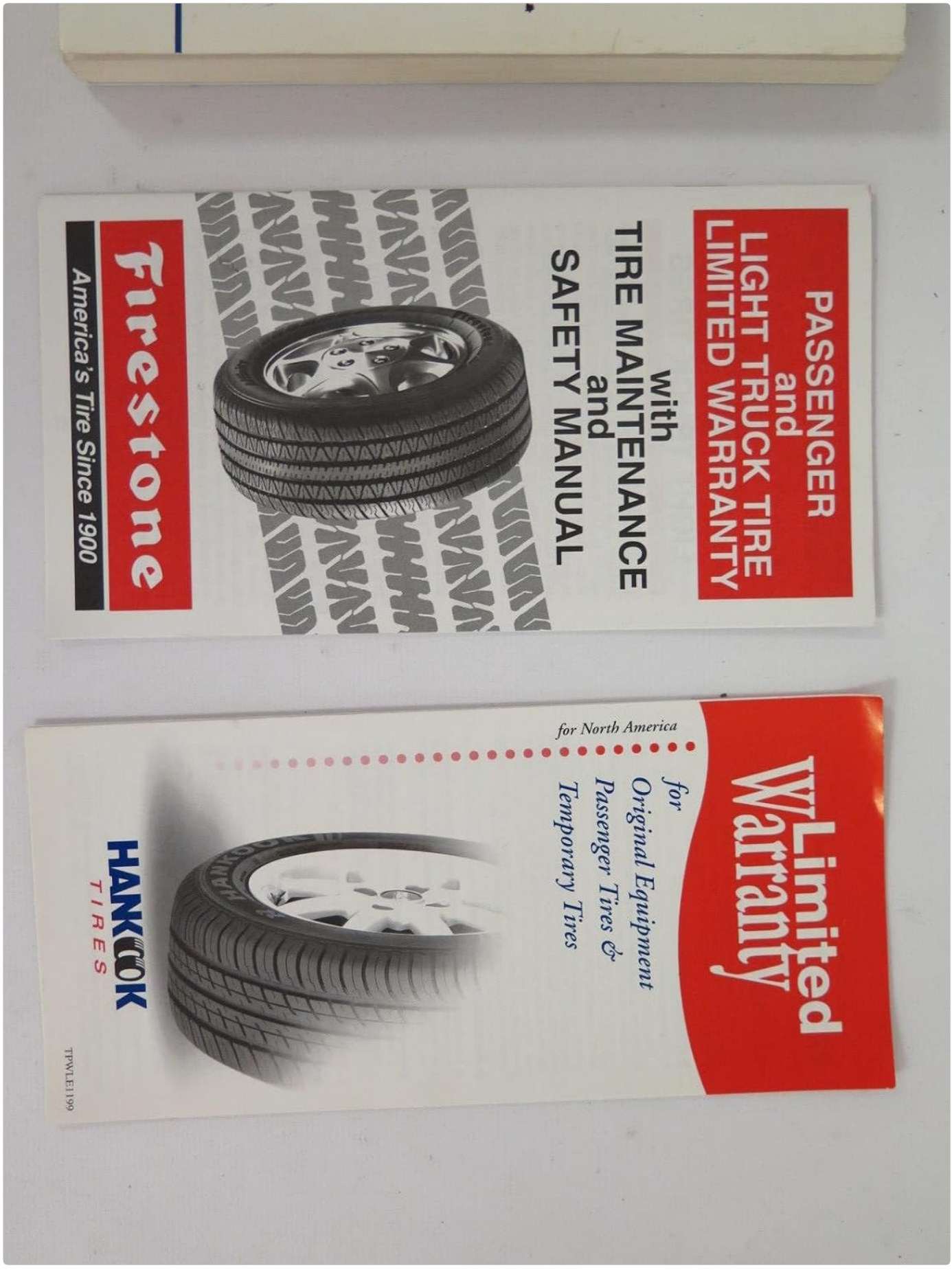

Figure 6: Supplemental manuals for tire maintenance and safety from Firestone and Hankook, providing specific instructions for tire care.

Troubleshooting

While this manual does not contain a dedicated troubleshooting section, common issues can often be resolved by referring to the relevant sections on operation and maintenance. For more complex problems, consult a qualified service technician or your Ford dealer.

- **Engine not starting:** Check battery connections, fuel level, and ensure the vehicle is in Park or Neutral (automatic) or clutch is depressed (manual).
- **Warning lights illuminated:** Refer to the main owner's manual for specific warning light meanings and recommended actions.
- **Unusual noises:** Investigate the source of the noise. If persistent or severe, seek professional inspection.

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Warranty Information

Your 2001 Ford Focus is covered by a manufacturer's warranty. For detailed terms and conditions, refer to the "2001 Model Warranty Guide" for Ford and Mercury Cars & Light Trucks.

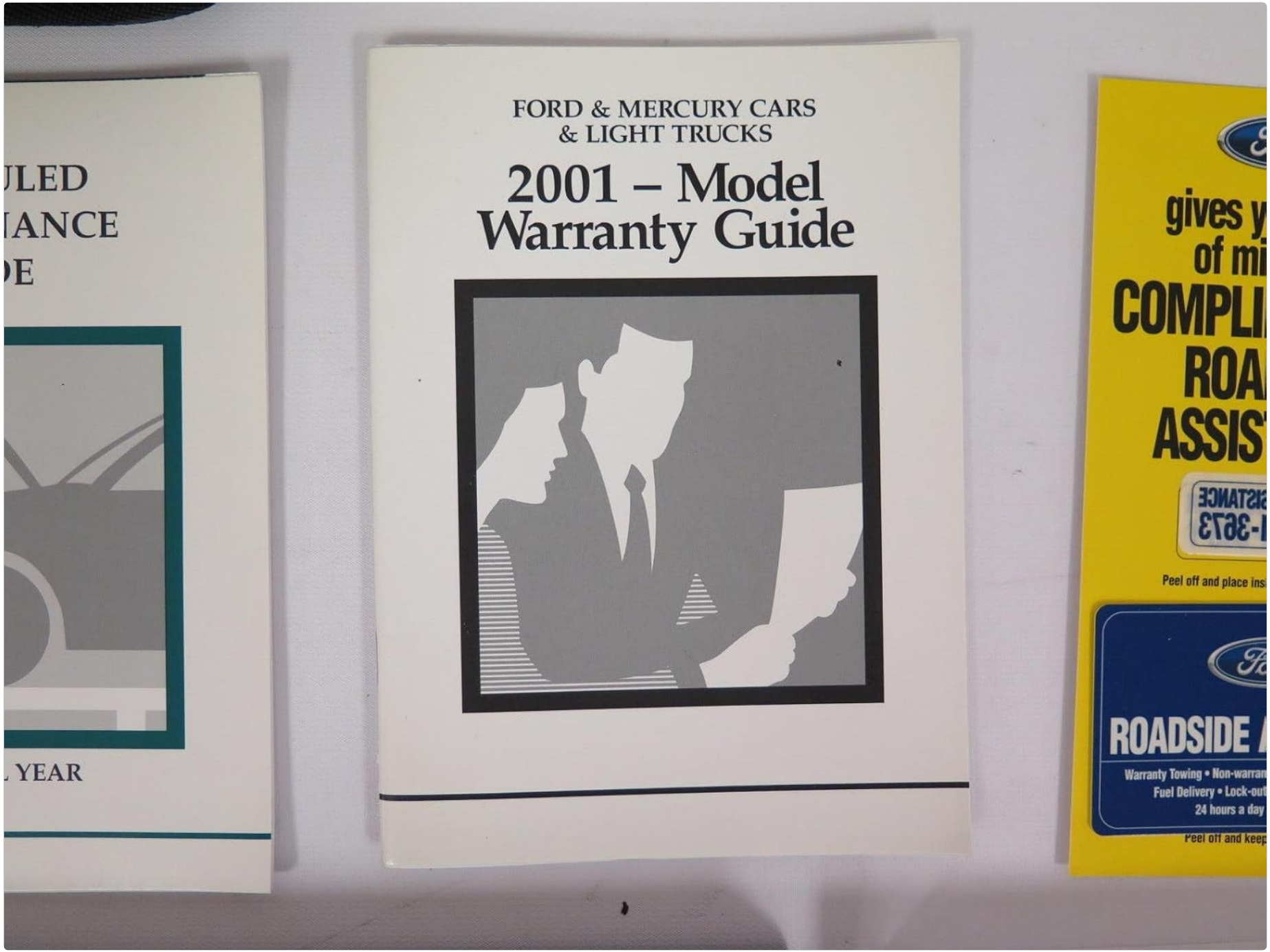

Figure 7: Cover of the "2001 Model Warranty Guide," which provides comprehensive warranty details for Ford and Mercury vehicles.

Support and Roadside Assistance

Ford provides complimentary roadside assistance for your peace of mind. This service can help with various issues such as flat tires, battery jump-starts, lockout assistance, and fuel delivery.

- **Roadside Assistance:** Refer to your "Complimentary Roadside Assistance" card for contact information and service details.
- **Emergency Services:** In case of a serious emergency, always contact local emergency services first.

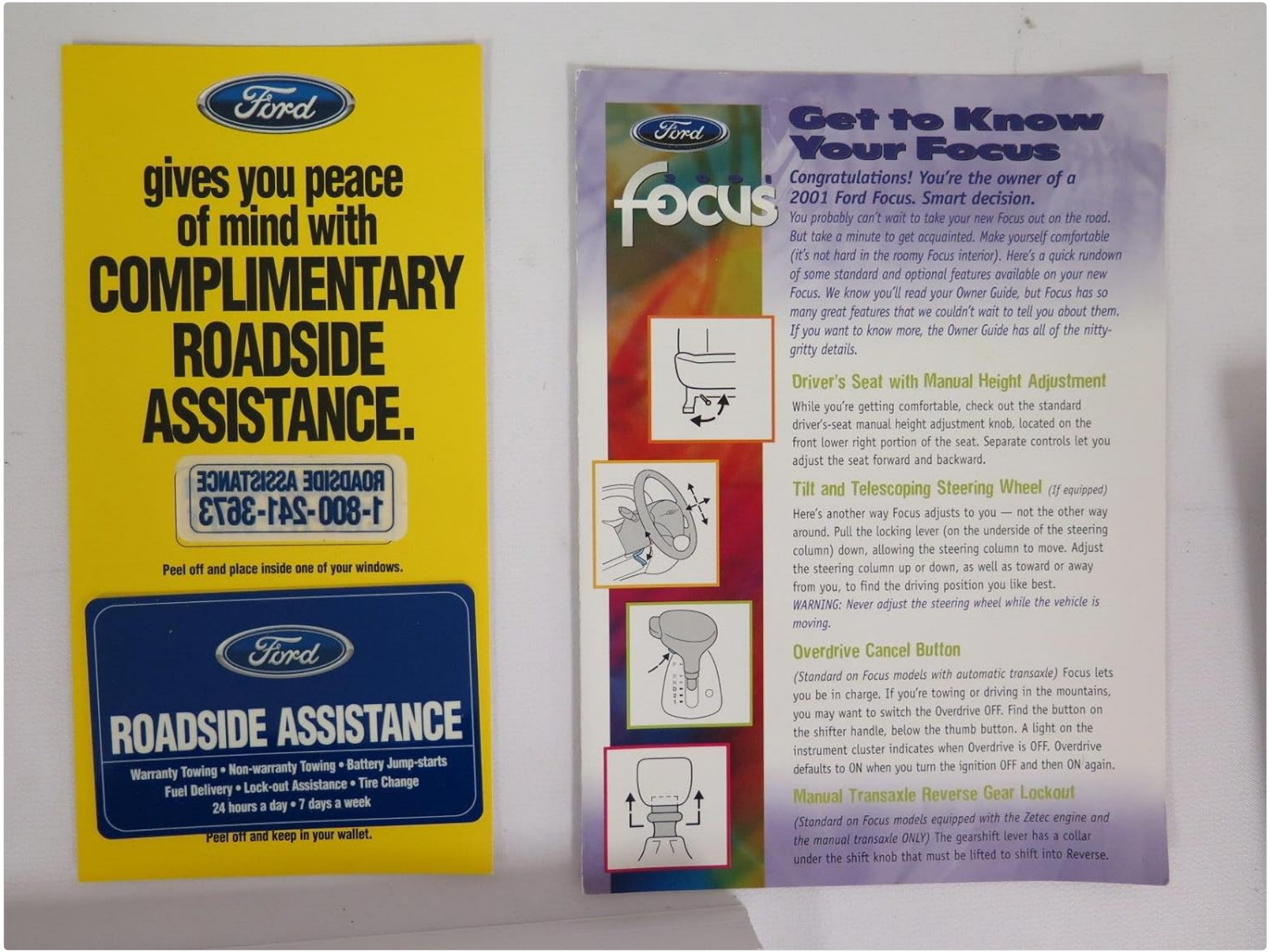

Figure 8: A Ford "Complimentary Roadside Assistance" card, detailing services like flat tire changes, battery jump-starts, and lockout assistance.

Figure 9: A black zippered case featuring the Ford logo, designed for convenient storage and protection of the vehicle's owner's manuals and documents.

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