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Your comprehensive guide to operating and maintaining your vehicle.

INTRODUCTION

This manual contains important information regarding the operation, maintenance, and safety of your 2000 Ford Escort Coupe. Please read it thoroughly to ensure proper use and to maximize the lifespan and performance of your vehicle. Keep this manual in your vehicle for quick reference.

1. SETUP AND CONTROLS FAMILIARIZATION

1.1 Initial Checks

- **Fluid Levels:** Verify engine oil, coolant, brake fluid, and windshield washer fluid levels are within recommended ranges.
- **Tire Pressure:** Check tire pressure using a reliable gauge. Refer to the label on the driver's side door jamb for correct pressures.
- **Lighting:** Ensure all exterior and interior lights are functional.

1.2 Dashboard Layout and Controls

Familiarize yourself with the instrument panel, including the speedometer, tachometer, fuel gauge, and temperature gauge. Locate and understand the function of warning lights and indicators.

- **Ignition Switch:** Used to start and stop the engine, and to power accessories.
- **Steering Wheel Controls:** Horn, cruise control (if equipped), and airbag.
- **Wiper/Washer Lever:** Controls windshield wipers and washer fluid.
- **Light Switch:** Operates headlights, parking lights, and dashboard illumination.

2. OPERATING YOUR VEHICLE

2.1 Starting the Engine

1. Ensure the parking brake is engaged.
2. For automatic transmission, place the gear selector in **P** (Park) or **N** (Neutral). For manual transmission, depress the clutch pedal.
3. Insert the key into the ignition and turn it to the **START** position. Release the key once the engine starts.

2.2 Driving Tips

- Always wear your seatbelt and ensure all passengers are buckled up.
- Adjust mirrors for optimal visibility before driving.
- Avoid sudden acceleration or braking.
- Maintain a safe following distance.

2.3 Climate Control System

Use the climate control knobs and buttons to adjust temperature, fan speed, and air distribution. The system includes settings for heating, cooling, and defrosting.

3. MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance is crucial for the longevity and safety of your Ford Escort Coupe. Adhere to the recommended service schedule.

3.1 Service Schedule Overview

Interval	Service Item
Every 5,000 miles / 6 months	Oil and filter change, tire rotation, fluid level check.
Every 15,000 miles / 12 months	Inspect brakes, suspension, exhaust system, cabin air filter replacement.
Every 30,000 miles / 24 months	Spark plug replacement, fuel filter replacement, transmission fluid check/change.

Note: Always refer to the detailed maintenance schedule in your official Ford service booklet for precise intervals and additional items.

3.2 Owner Checks

- Check engine oil level weekly.
- Inspect tire condition and pressure monthly.
- Ensure all lights are working before driving at night.

4. TROUBLESHOOTING COMMON ISSUES

This section provides guidance for common problems you might encounter.

4.1 Engine Will Not Start

- **Battery:** Check battery terminals for corrosion and ensure they are tight. If the battery is dead, jump-start the vehicle.
- **Fuel:** Ensure there is sufficient fuel in the tank.
- **Ignition:** Confirm the key is fully inserted and turned to the START position.

4.2 Warning Lights Illuminated

- **Check Engine Light:** Indicates an issue with the engine or emissions system. Have the vehicle inspected by a qualified technician.
- **Oil Pressure Light:** Stop the vehicle immediately and check the engine oil level. Do not drive if the light remains on after adding oil.

- **Brake Warning Light:** May indicate low brake fluid or a problem with the braking system. Have it checked promptly.

5. SPECIFICATIONS

Key technical data for the 2000 Ford Escort Coupe.

Category	Specification
Engine Type	2.0L I4 SOHC (Zetec optional)
Horsepower	110 hp (2.0L SOHC) / 130 hp (2.0L Zetec)
Fuel Tank Capacity	Approximately 12.7 gallons (48 liters)
Oil Capacity	Approximately 4.0 quarts (3.8 liters) with filter
Tire Size (Standard)	P185/65R14
Transmission	5-speed manual or 4-speed automatic

Note: Specifications may vary based on trim level and optional equipment. Consult your vehicle's specific documentation for exact details.

6. WARRANTY INFORMATION

Your 2000 Ford Escort Coupe was sold with a limited warranty covering defects in material or workmanship. Specific terms and conditions, including coverage period and limitations, are detailed in the separate Warranty Guide provided with your vehicle. Please refer to that document for complete information.

- **Basic Warranty:** Typically covers most components for a specified period/mileage.
- **Powertrain Warranty:** Covers engine, transmission, and drive axle components for a longer period/mileage.
- **Corrosion Warranty:** Covers perforation due to corrosion.

Note: Maintenance records are often required to validate warranty claims. Ensure all scheduled maintenance is performed by authorized service centers or qualified technicians.

7. SUPPORT AND SERVICE

For further assistance, service, or genuine Ford parts, please contact your authorized Ford dealership. They are equipped with specialized tools and trained technicians to service your vehicle correctly.

- **Authorized Ford Dealerships:** Locate your nearest dealer for service and parts.
- **Customer Service:** Refer to the contact information in your Warranty Guide or visit the official Ford website for customer support details.
- **Online Resources:** [Ford Official Support Website](#) (example link, actual link may vary).

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