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Ford F-150

2003 Ford F-150 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 2003 Ford F-150. It covers various aspects from basic controls to maintenance schedules and troubleshooting tips. Please read this manual thoroughly to familiarize yourself with your vehicle's features and capabilities.

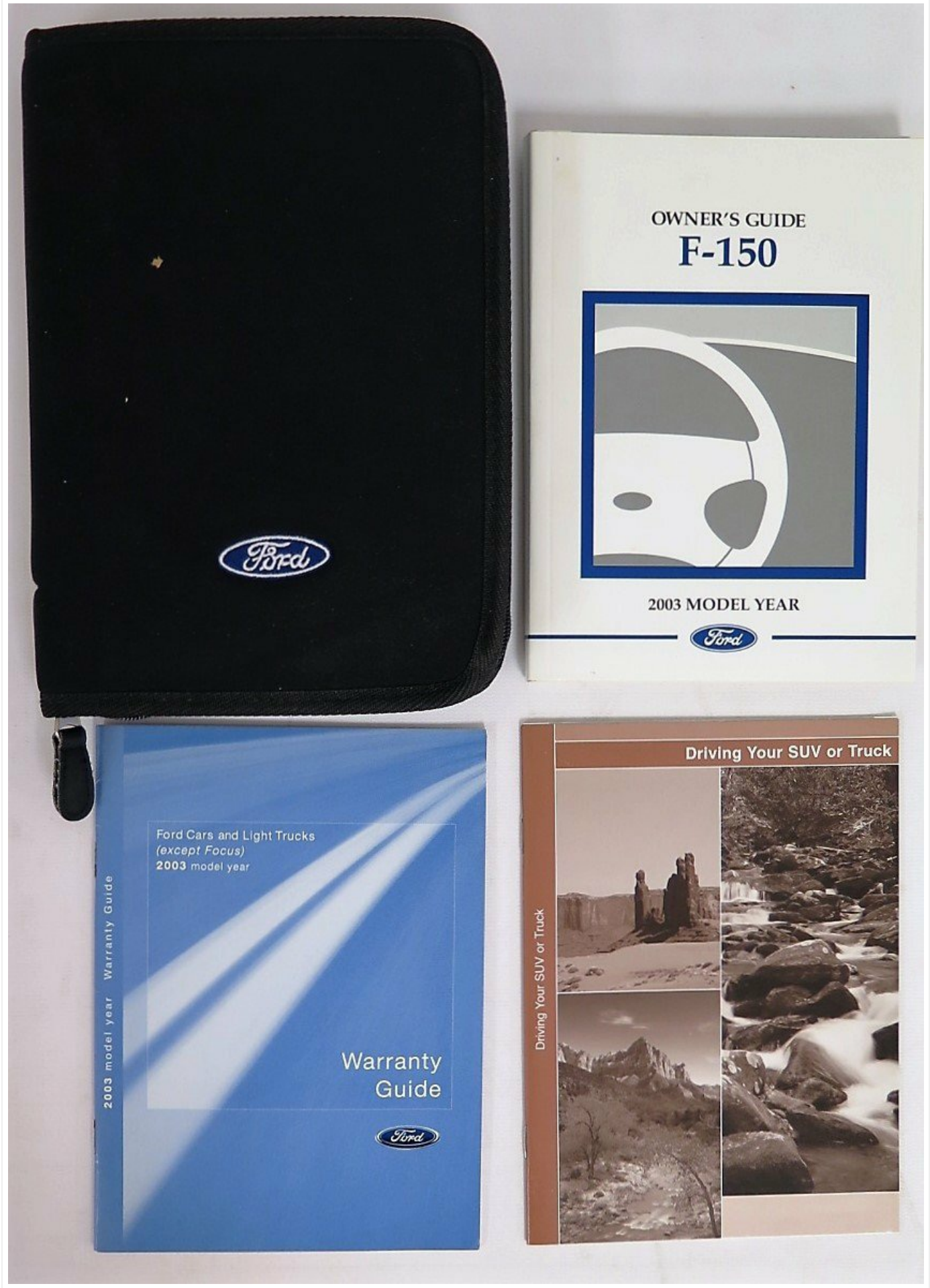


Image: A collection of manuals for the 2003 Ford F-150, including the main Owner's Guide, a Warranty Guide, and a guide titled "Driving Your SUV or Truck," all neatly arranged on a surface.

Vehicle Familiarization and Initial Setup

Before operating your F-150, it is important to understand its basic components and controls. This section guides you through initial checks and familiarization procedures.

Dashboard Layout

Familiarize yourself with the instrument cluster, warning lights, and control panel. Refer to the detailed diagrams in your physical manual for precise locations.

Key and Ignition

- Insert the key fully into the ignition switch.
- Turn the key to the "ON" position to activate electrical systems.
- Turn to "START" to crank the engine.

Operating Your Ford F-150

This section covers the procedures for driving your vehicle, including starting, stopping, and using various features.

Starting the Engine

1. Ensure the parking brake is engaged.
2. For automatic transmission, place the gear selector in **P (Park)** or **N (Neutral)**.
3. Turn the ignition key to the **START** position. Release the key once the engine starts.

Transmission Operation

The automatic transmission features several positions:

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

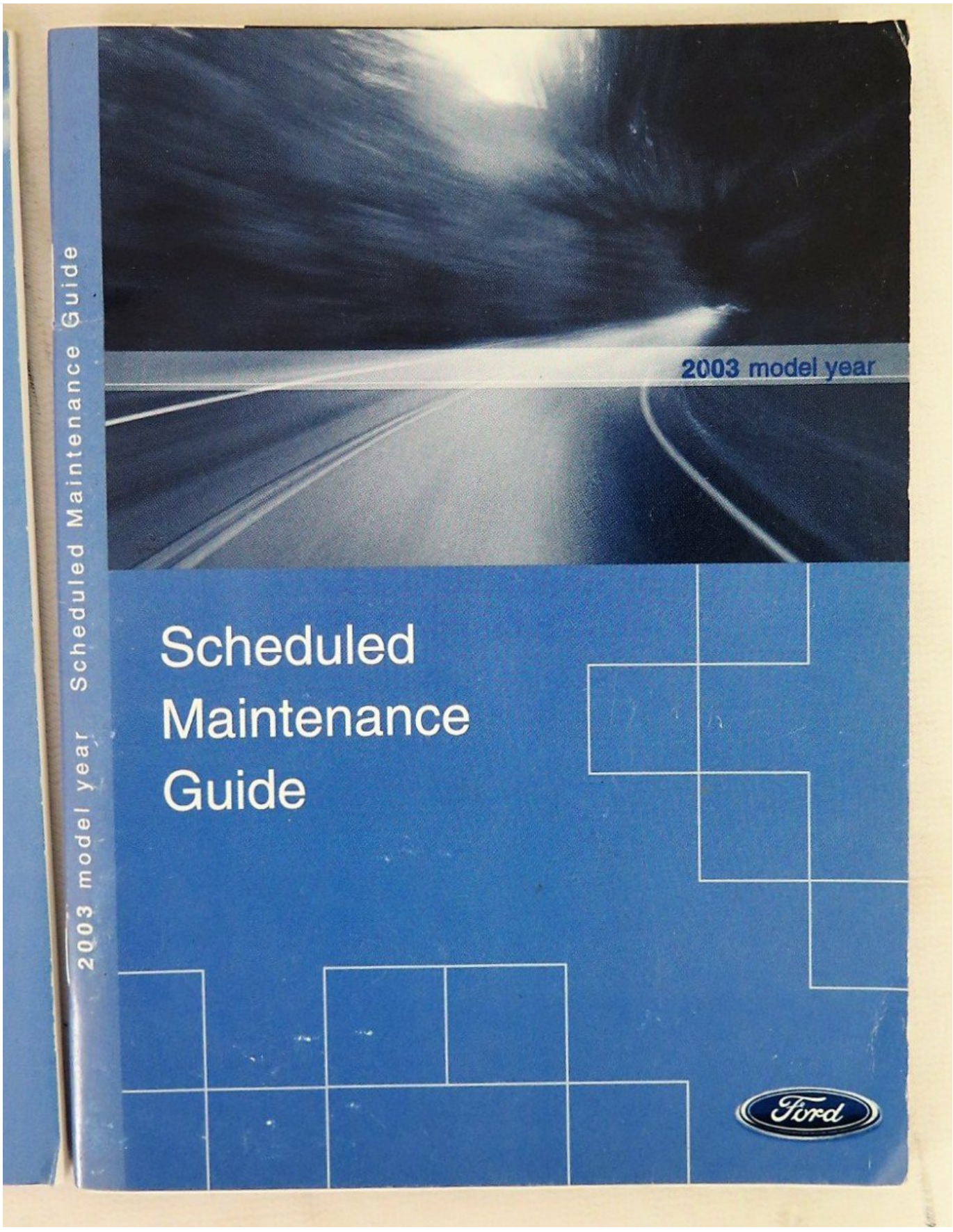


Image: The front cover of the "OWNER'S GUIDE F-150" for the 2003 model year, featuring a stylized steering wheel graphic and the Ford logo.

Maintenance and Care

Regular maintenance is crucial for the longevity and performance of your Ford F-150. Adhere to the recommended service intervals.

Scheduled Maintenance

Refer to the separate "Scheduled Maintenance Guide" for detailed service intervals and procedures. Key items include:

- Engine oil and filter change
- Tire rotation and inspection
- Brake system inspection
- Fluid level checks (coolant, power steering, brake fluid, washer fluid)
- Air filter replacement

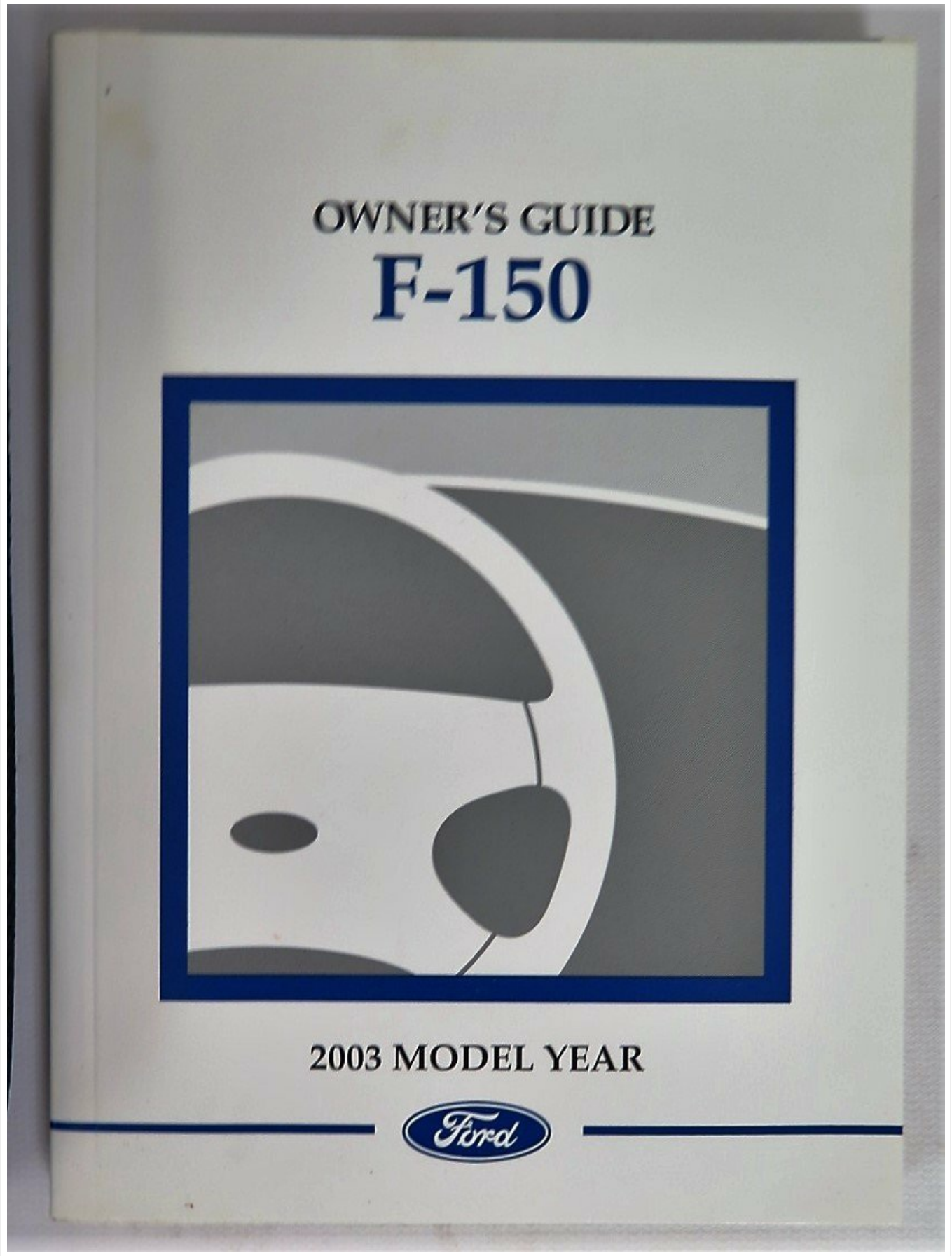


Image: The front cover of the "Scheduled Maintenance Guide" for the 2003 model year Ford vehicles, showing a road disappearing into the distance.

Tire Care

Proper tire inflation and regular rotation are essential for safety and tire life. Check tire pressure monthly.



Image: A yellow and black label for "BFGoodrich Tires Passenger & Light Truck Tire Owners Manual / Limited Warranty," indicating information about tire care and warranty.

Troubleshooting Common Issues

This section provides guidance for common operational problems you might encounter with your F-150.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Engine will not start	Dead battery, faulty starter, no fuel	Check battery terminals, jump-start, check fuel level, consult a qualified technician.
Warning light illuminated	Indicates a system malfunction	Refer to the warning light section in your manual for specific details and recommended actions.
Brakes feel spongy	Low brake fluid, air in system, worn pads	Check brake fluid level, have the brake system inspected by a professional.

Specifications

Key specifications for the 2003 Ford F-150 are provided below. For a complete list, refer to your owner's manual.

- **Model Year:** 2003
- **Manufacturer:** Ford
- **Language:** English

- **Print Length:** 272 pages (for the owner's manual)
- **Item Weight:** Approximately 14.4 ounces
- **Dimensions:** Approximately 7.25 x 5.25 x 0.75 inches

Warranty Information

Your 2003 Ford F-150 comes with a manufacturer's warranty. Details regarding coverage, duration, and terms are provided in the separate "Warranty Guide" included with your vehicle documentation.

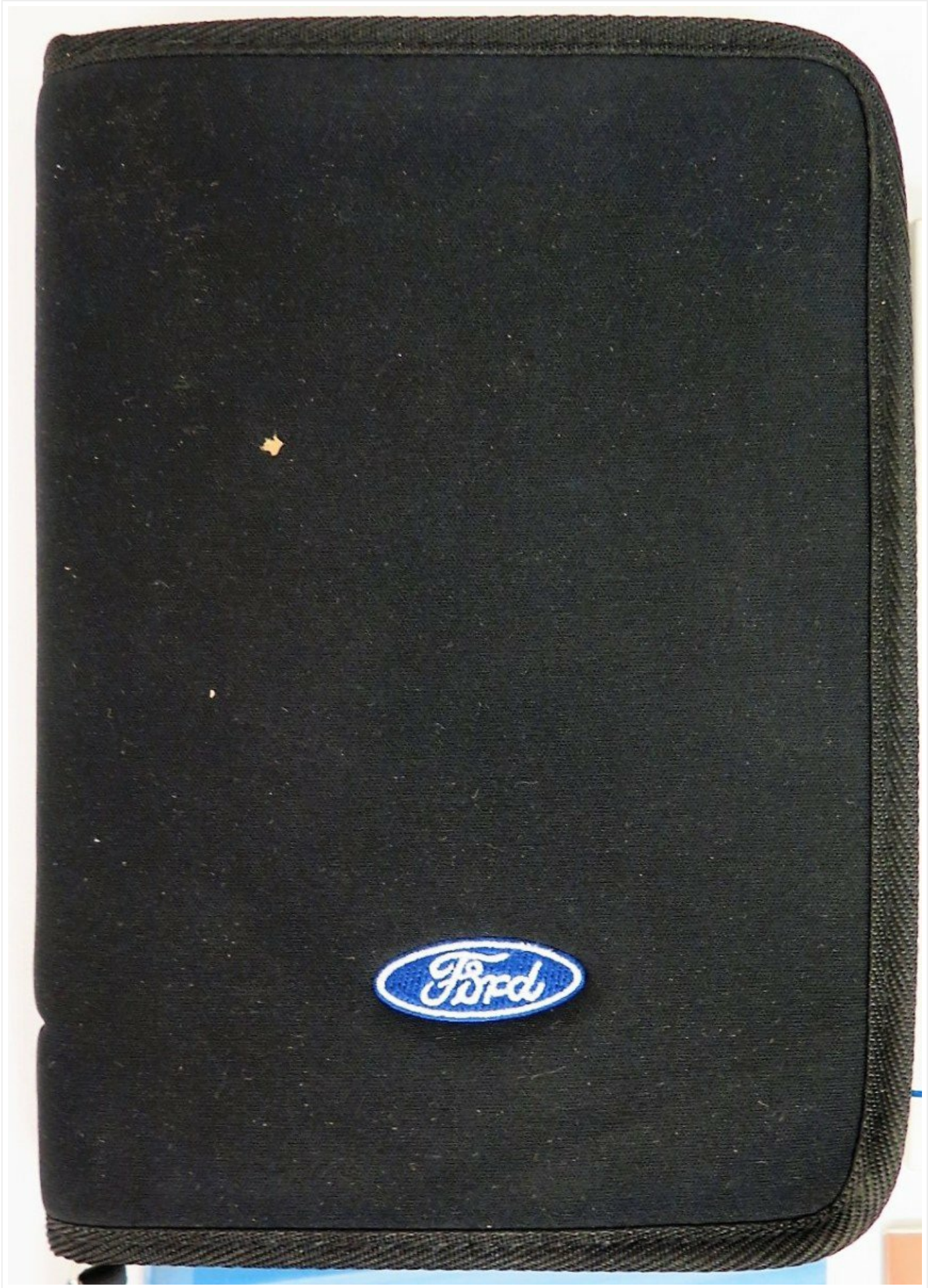


Image: The front cover of the "Warranty Guide" for 2003 model year Ford Cars and Light Trucks (except Focus), featuring a blue background with white streaks.

Additionally, specific components like tires may have their own limited warranties, as indicated by separate documentation such as the BFGoodrich manual shown previously.

Customer Support

For further assistance, please refer to the contact information provided in your official Ford owner's manual or visit the official Ford website. For service and parts, contact your authorized Ford dealership.

Important: Always use genuine Ford parts or Ford-approved parts for repairs and maintenance to ensure optimal performance and safety.

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