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Your comprehensive guide to operating and maintaining your vehicle.

INTRODUCTION

This manual provides detailed information regarding the operation, maintenance, and safety features of your 2002 Ford F-150. Familiarizing yourself with this information will help ensure safe and efficient use of your vehicle and prolong its lifespan. Please read this manual thoroughly before operating your truck.

INITIAL SETUP AND CONTROLS OVERVIEW

Vehicle Familiarization

Before driving, take time to locate and understand the function of all controls, indicators, and features. This includes the steering wheel controls, dashboard gauges, climate control system, and infotainment system.



Image: Front view of a 2002 Ford F-150 pickup truck, silver in color, parked on a paved surface. This image illustrates the exterior design of the vehicle.

Adjusting Seating and Mirrors

- **Seat Adjustment:** Locate the levers or buttons on the side of your seat to adjust its position, height, and recline angle for optimal comfort and control.
- **Steering Wheel Adjustment:** If equipped, adjust the steering wheel for tilt and telescope to ensure a comfortable driving posture.
- **Mirror Adjustment:** Use the controls to adjust the side mirrors and rearview mirror to provide a clear view of the areas around your vehicle.

OPERATING YOUR F-150

Starting the Engine

1. Ensure the transmission is in Park (P) or Neutral (N).
2. Insert the key into the ignition.

3. Turn the key to the START position and hold until the engine starts, then release. Do not crank for more than 15 seconds.

Driving Tips

- Always wear your seatbelt and ensure all passengers are buckled up.
- Observe all traffic laws and speed limits.
- Maintain a safe following distance from other vehicles.
- Avoid sudden acceleration, braking, or steering maneuvers.

Transmission Operation

Your F-150 is equipped with an automatic transmission. Use the gear selector to choose between Park (P), Reverse (R), Neutral (N), Drive (D), and lower gears (2, 1) for specific driving conditions such as towing or steep grades. Always come to a complete stop before shifting into or out of Reverse or Park.

MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance is crucial for the longevity and performance of your 2002 Ford F-150. Refer to the detailed maintenance schedule in your physical owner's manual for specific intervals.

Fluid Checks

- **Engine Oil:** Check oil level regularly using the dipstick. Add recommended oil if low.
- **Coolant:** Ensure coolant level is between MIN and MAX marks when the engine is cool.
- **Brake Fluid:** Check the reservoir level; consult a technician if consistently low.
- **Power Steering Fluid:** Verify fluid level is within the recommended range.
- **Windshield Washer Fluid:** Keep the reservoir filled for clear visibility.

Tire Care

Maintain correct tire pressure as specified on the driver's side door jamb. Inspect tires regularly for wear, damage, and proper tread depth. Rotate tires every 5,000-7,500 miles to ensure even wear.

Sample Maintenance Schedule (Consult full manual for details)

Interval	Item to Check/Service
Every 5,000 miles	Oil and filter change, tire rotation, inspect fluid levels
Every 15,000 miles	Inspect brakes, steering, suspension, exhaust system
Every 30,000 miles	Replace air filter, fuel filter, spark plugs (if applicable)

TROUBLESHOOTING COMMON ISSUES

This section addresses common issues you might encounter with your F-150. For more complex problems, consult a certified Ford technician.

Engine Will Not Start

- **Check Battery:** Ensure battery terminals are clean and tight. A weak or dead battery may require a jump start or replacement.

- **Fuel Level:** Verify there is sufficient fuel in the tank.
- **Ignition System:** Listen for the starter motor. If it cranks but doesn't start, there might be an issue with fuel delivery or ignition.

Warning Lights Illuminated

- **Check Engine Light:** Indicates an issue with the engine or emissions system. Have the vehicle diagnosed by a professional.
- **Oil Pressure Light:** Stop the vehicle immediately and check engine oil level. Do not drive with low oil pressure.
- **Brake Warning Light:** May indicate low brake fluid or a problem with the braking system. Have it inspected promptly.

SPECIFICATIONS

Key specifications for the 2002 Ford F-150. Note that specifications may vary based on trim level and configuration.

Feature	Specification
Engine Options	4.2L V6, 4.6L V8, 5.4L V8
Transmission	4-speed automatic, 5-speed manual (depending on engine/trim)
Fuel Tank Capacity	Approx. 25-30 gallons (depending on wheelbase)
Towing Capacity	Up to 8,800 lbs (with proper equipment)
Payload Capacity	Up to 2,000 lbs (depending on configuration)

WARRANTY INFORMATION

Your 2002 Ford F-150 was originally sold with a limited warranty covering specific components and periods. For detailed information regarding the original warranty coverage, including terms, conditions, and exclusions, please refer to the separate Warranty Guide provided with your vehicle at the time of purchase. If you are not the original owner, warranty coverage may have expired or transferred according to Ford's policies.

CUSTOMER SUPPORT

For further assistance, technical support, or to locate an authorized service center, please contact Ford Customer Service or visit the official Ford website.

- **Ford Official Website:** www.ford.com
- **Customer Service:** Refer to your original documentation for the most accurate contact numbers, or search the official Ford website for regional support.