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VEHICLE APPLICATION

Taurus / Sable, Taurus SHO and Taurus Flexible Fuel.

DESCRIPTION

The Emission Systems Required Maintenance Schedule lists the items required to maintain the vehicle emission systems at levels determined by the Federal Government (Environmental Protection Agency). Also printed is an index to a number of Maintenance Procedures, each of which is related to an item listed on the maintenance schedule. Use these procedures to perform the required emission system maintenance items listed on the maintenance schedules.

Maintenance service adjustments must conform to specifications contained here, listed in the Specifications manual or shown on the Vehicle Emission Control Information Decal, or the emissions system may become inoperative.

As a safety precaution, before starting the engine to perform maintenance, ensure the transaxle selector is in PARK (automatic transaxle) or NEUTRAL (manual transaxle), the parking brake is set and the wheels are blocked.

Vehicle Emission Control Information Decal

Vacuum hoses on the engine use a color stripe to aid in hose routing checks. The stripe will usually be the same color as on the Vehicle Emission Control Information (VECI) decal, but the correct vacuum hose routing must be verified by using the correct component connections shown on the VECI decal.