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## VEHICLE APPLICATION

Taurus / Sable.

## DESCRIPTION

**WARNING: BRAKE FLUID CONTAINS POLYGLYCOL ETHERS AND POLYGLYCOLS. AVOID CONTACT WITH EYES. WASH HANDS THOROUGHLY AFTER HANDLING. IF BRAKE FLUID CONTACTS EYES, FLUSH EYES WITH RUNNING WATER FOR 15 MINUTES. GET MEDICAL ATTENTION IF IRRITATION PERSISTS. IF TAKEN INTERNALLY, DRINK WATER AND INDUCE VOMITING. GET MEDICAL ATTENTION IMMEDIATELY.**

The parking brake system is cable actuated and controlled by an independent foot-operated parking brake control.

### Control Assemblies

An independent foot-operated parking brake control actuates the rear wheel brake shoes through a cable system.

The parking brake warning indicator can be actuated by the parking brake control. It warns the driver to release the parking brake control before driving the vehicle. If the indicator remains lit, a brake malfunction has occurred.

The automatic (vacuum) release parking brake control is optional equipment.

On the automatic vacuum-type parking brake system, the vacuum power unit with mounting bracket is bolted to the control assembly.

The vacuum-actuated diaphragm within the unit is connected by a rod to the lower end of the release lever.

Hoses connect the vacuum motor to the engine manifold through a vacuum release switch at the steering column or floor shifter.

The vacuum motor is actuated to release the parking brake whenever the engine is running and the transmission is in a forward driving gear.

To manually release the automatic vacuum-type parking brake, a T-handle extends from the lower portion of the instrument panel, left of the steering column. Pulling on this handle releases the parking brake.

On the manually-released type, a T-handle extends from the lower portion of the LH side of the instrument panel. Pulling this handle releases the parking brake.