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# EXHAUST SYSTEM

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### VEHICLE APPLICATION

Taurus / Sable and Taurus SHO.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

This Section covers the general exhaust system, adjustments and service procedures. Always refer to the Master Parts catalog for parts usage and interchangeability before replacing a component part of the exhaust system.

The exhaust system must be free of leaks, binding, grounding and excessive vibrations. These conditions are usually caused by loose, broken or misaligned clamps, shields, brackets or pipes. If any of these conditions exist, check the exhaust system components and alignment. Adjust or replace, as necessary, to maintain the specified clearances (refer to the illustrations in this Section). Brackets, clamps and insulators should be replaced if they are damaged or badly corroded. Do not attempt to service these parts.

Inspect the inlet pipe(s), outlet pipe(s), catalytic converters and muffler for cracked joints, broken welds, and corrosion damage that would result in a leaking exhaust system. Inspect the clamps, brackets, and insulators for cracks and stripped or badly corroded bolt threads.

When pipe clamp(s) is loosened and /or removed to replace a pipe, muffler or resonator, replace the clamp(s).

### DESCRIPTION

The 3.0L 49 States and Canada engine is equipped with a single resonator, single muffler, single catalytic converter and interconnecting pipes.

The 3.0L California and 3.0L FF Vehicle engines are equipped with a two can catalytic converter, a single resonator, single muffler and interconnecting pipes.

The 3.0L and 3.2L SHO engine uses a two can catalytic converter, a single resonator and dual mufflers.

The 3.8L engine is equipped with a muffler and resonator plus a two can catalytic converter system and interconnecting pipes.