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Thunderbird



THE CATEGORY:
PERSONAL CAR.
THE AUTOMOBILE:
THUNDERBIRD.

How many of today's automobiles can you identify with just a glance? Thunderbird's legendary symbol, the angular aviator with the wide wingspan, receives instant recognition. Even at dusk and from a good distance behind, you can clearly make out the famous shapes on the tail-

lamps as they sweep down the highway ahead.

Of course, it isn't artwork that has prompted so many driving enthusiasts over the years to choose this car. It's the way Thunderbird has come to define what a personal car is all about. From the classic two-seater that debuted back in 1955 to the

technologically sophisticated 1992 version, Thunderbird has managed to capture the spirit of the open road like no other automobile.

And, of course, Thunderbird is a product of Ford's continuing commitment to quality and a reflection of the design leadership Ford has brought to the 90s.





SUPER COUPE:
PERFORMANCE
WITH A
TECHNOLOGICAL
EDGE.

There's little doubt that the nucleus of Super Coupe is its power-boosting supercharger with intercooler that turns in over 200 hp (SAE rating) and 300 lbs.-ft. of torque. But Super Coupe is much more than raw power. Sophisticated componentry provides performance in the complete sense of the word.

The anti-lock brake system (ABS) is a case in point.

Hard braking can cause wheel lock-up which reduces driver control, especially on slippery surfaces. The computer technology in Super Coupe's ABS (optional with other models) virtually eliminates brake-induced wheel lock-up.

Each wheel is monitored during braking. If impending lock-up is detected, brake pressure is automati-

cally modulated up to ten times per second. The brakes are applied and released repeatedly in the same way you were probably taught to "pump your brakes." But the speed of ABS far exceeds human capability, providing the driver a much greater degree of steering control during hard braking situations.

Other high-tech features

are speed-sensitive steering (page 9) and an automatic suspension (page 6). Wide 16" aluminum wheels come with P225/60 performance tires with an aggressive tread. And the Traction-Lok axle automatically shifts some of the driving force, or torque, to the wheel with the most traction under adverse driving conditions like ice, snow or mud.

Thunderbird Super Coupe in Oxford White shown with Preferred Equipment Package 157A.

SUPER COUPE
PERFORMS INSIDE,
TOO, WITH
AN INTERIOR
THAT'S ALL
BUSINESS.

Super Coupe's front articulated sport seats provide firm support and are body-contoured to help hold you in place when cornering. In addition, each seat has back side bolsters and a lumbar support which include infinite power adjustments.

microprocessor that monitors signals from speed, brake pressure, steering and acceleration sensors and adjusts shock absorber damping automatically to optimize the ride/handling according to the input. Shock damping is "normal"



Buckled in, you become aware of the purposefulness of the layout. The instrument panel and surrounding controls were designed with the emphasis squarely on the driving function. Gauges (including tachometer, temperature, oil pressure and supercharger boost) are placed to be quickly and easily read, and knobs and push buttons are placed to be comfortably reached. It's all part of the ergonomic

integrity of Thunderbird.

In the rear, a split fold-down seat is included when optional leather seating surfaces are specified. It allows access to the trunk from inside the car and permits longer cargo like skis or golf clubs.

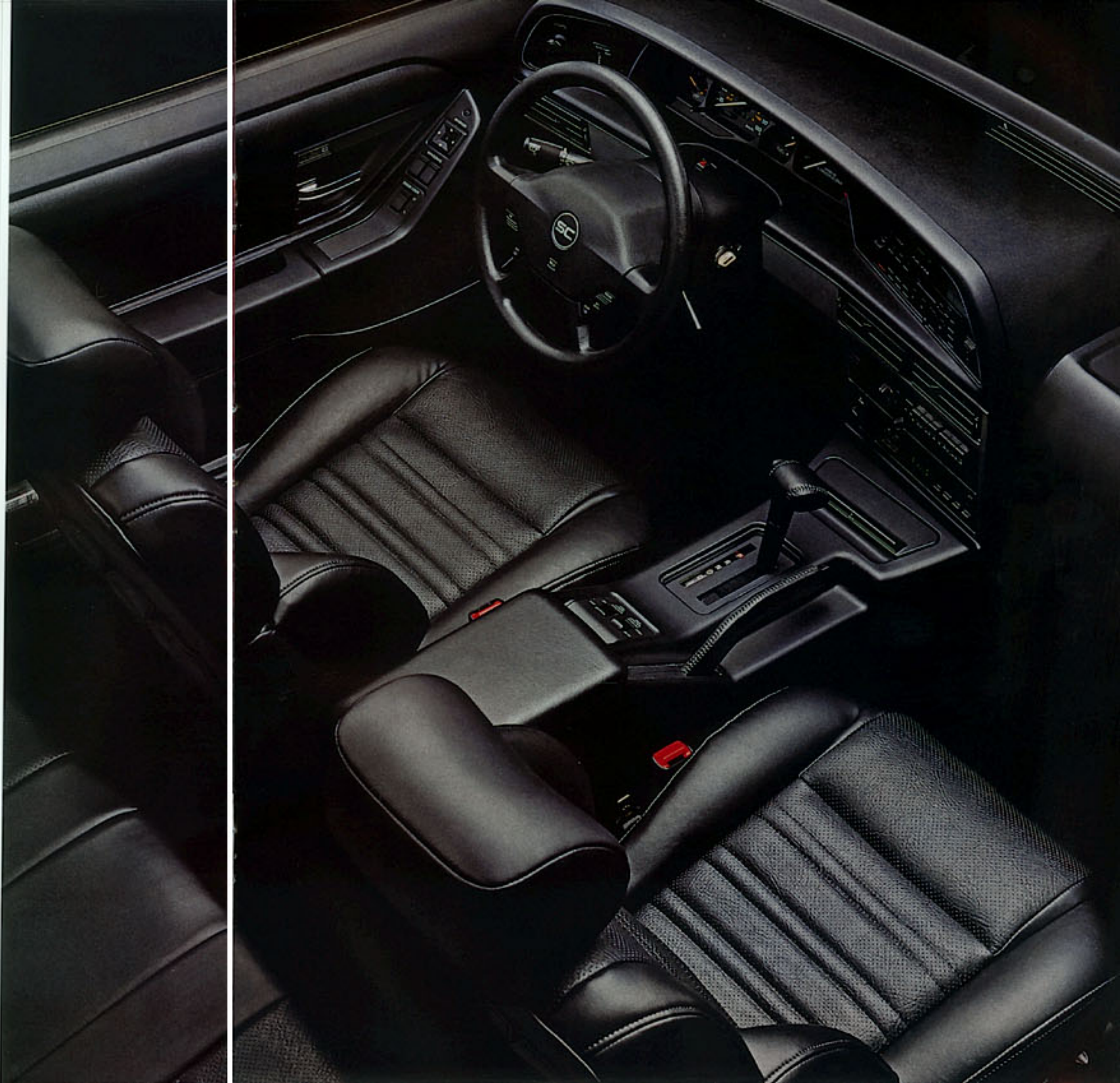
The Super Coupe suspension system is also unmistakably in the performance business. It incorporates a



for a smooth ride or "firm" when extra handling is required ("firm" mode may also be selected manually by means of a switch located on the center console). It's an interior compartment with a look and feel very much in keeping with Super Coupe's excellent overall capability.



Thunderbird Super Coupe interior shown in Black with optional Automatic Overdrive transmission and leather seating surfaces.





THUNDERBIRD LX:
CLEAN NEW
STYLING COMING
RIGHT AT YOU.

Bold new front-end styling gives Thunderbird LX a sportier feel, and that's hardly out of character. Because although LX has long been the choice of those who prefer a luxurious and convenience-oriented automobile, it also benefits from the same engineering technolo-

gy that gives the standard model its reputation as a driver's car. The 3.8 liter V-6 engine with sequential multiple-port EFI provides efficient, impressive power (a muscular 5.0L V-8 engine is optional). On the highway, the automatic overdrive transmission's fourth gear



allows the engine to operate in the lower rpm ranges for reduced wear and enhanced fuel efficiency (1992 EPA mileage estimates were not available at press time).

The computer-controlled "speed-sensitive" power steering system (also standard on Super Coupe and

Thunderbird Sport) adjusts the degree of power assist to the situation at hand by responding to sensors which provide data on vehicle speed. The result is smooth, low-effort steering during tight, low-speed maneuvers and a progressively firmer feel as speed increases.

Thunderbird LX in Opal Grey Clearcoat Metallic shown with Preferred Equipment Package 155A.

LX PROVIDES AN ENVIRONMENT RICH IN TRADITIONAL LUXURY AND COMFORT.

The LX interior feels like your own personal sanctuary. The seats are upholstered in special cloth trimmed with leather and vinyl. The door trim panels are richly finished, and they include convenient courtesy lights. The carpeting is rich 24-ounce cut pile. The power driver's seat adjusts six ways: forward/back, up/down and tilt forward/back. Both of the sun visors feature a lighted mirror.

Convenience equipment includes front seat reading lights, an engine compartment light, and front and rear courtesy lights. The illuminated entry system lights the interior and the door lock cylinders for about 20 seconds or until the steering column is unlocked.

Also standard fare with Thunderbird LX are power locks, dual electric remote-control mirrors, speed control and a tilt steering wheel, all popular convenience items. Entertainment is supplied by the electronic AM/FM stereo search radio which includes a cassette tape player and digital clock.



Far left: The LX performance instrument cluster features an analog tachometer. Some equipment shown is optional.

Left: Thunderbird's deep-well trunk design provides a full 15.2 cubic feet for cargo.

Thunderbird LX interior in Carrant Red. Some equipment shown is optional.



LEGENDARY
PERFORMANCE
HAS CREATED
A LEGENDARY
NAME.

Coming to be known as the driver's car was no accident for Thunderbird. It was designed with the open road decidedly in mind.

The 3.8 liter V-6 engine features the precision and efficiency of a sequential electronic fuel injection system (EPA estimates were not available at press time). The Automatic Overdrive transmission, with its fourth-gear

highway efficiency, is standard, along with the precision and ease of power rack-and-pinion steering. The long-spindle, short/long arm (SLA) front and fully independent rear suspensions combine for taut handling. Nitrogen gas-pressurized shocks and variable-rate coil springs also contribute to handling while maintaining an overall smooth ride.



Inside, five adults enjoy a roomy interior and features that enhance comfort. There's air conditioning, of course. An electronic AM/FM stereo search radio. Interval wipers. And power windows.

And now you may choose the Thunderbird Sport, with its 5.0L V-8 power and bold front-end styling, for an exciting new way to enjoy the legendary *driver's car*.



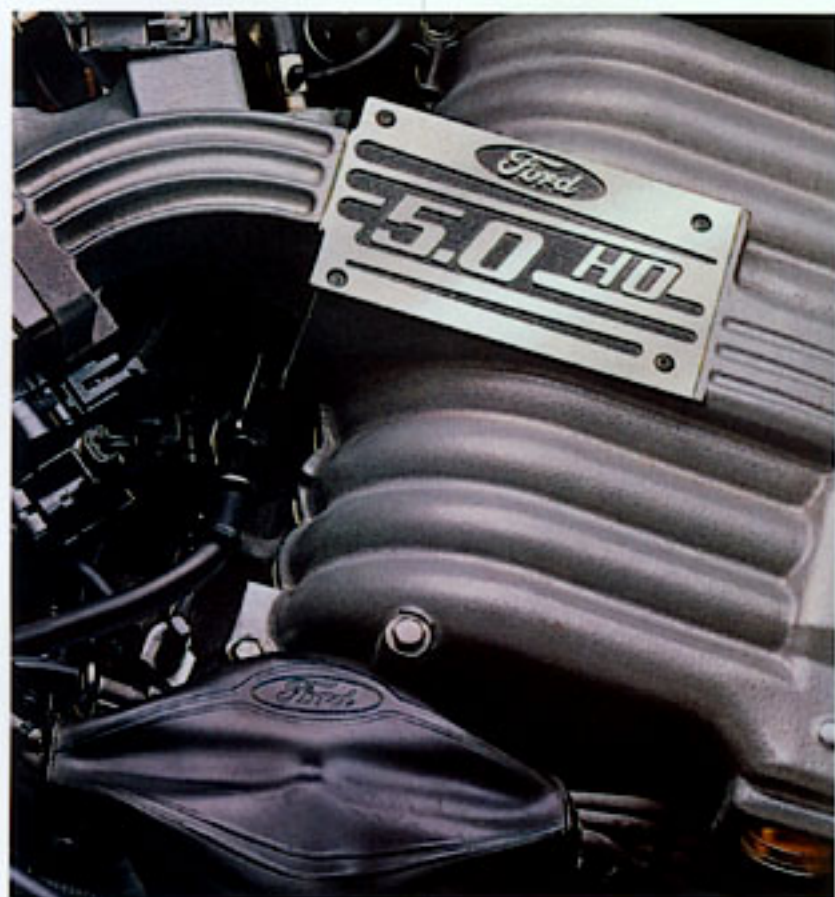
Thunderbird Sport shown in Black Clearcoat. The 5.0L V-8 engine and other serious performance equipment are included. See page 17 for details.

Thunderbird's new LED taillamps feature full-width illumination and longer life than ordinary bulbs.

Thunderbird's engine lineup includes one for those who prefer traditional V-8 performance. Thunderbird Sport features the 5.0 liter high-output V-8 (optional with Thunderbird and LX). This responsive powerplant, which includes the benefits of sequential EFI, turns out 200 hp @ 4,000 rpm (SAE rating) and 275 lbs. ft. of torque at 3,000 rpm.

In Thunderbird Super Coupe, the 3.8 V-6 is modified and supercharged. Simply put, supercharging increases an engine's horsepower and torque by increasing the pressure of the intake charge.

The effect of supercharging is easy to describe. In the case of Super Coupe, the exhilarating and responsive acceleration makes it very difficult to believe there are only 6 cylinders. The performance is what you would expect to experience with a big V-8. And yet, when cruising at a constant rate of speed, the supercharger bypasses for the benefit of 6-

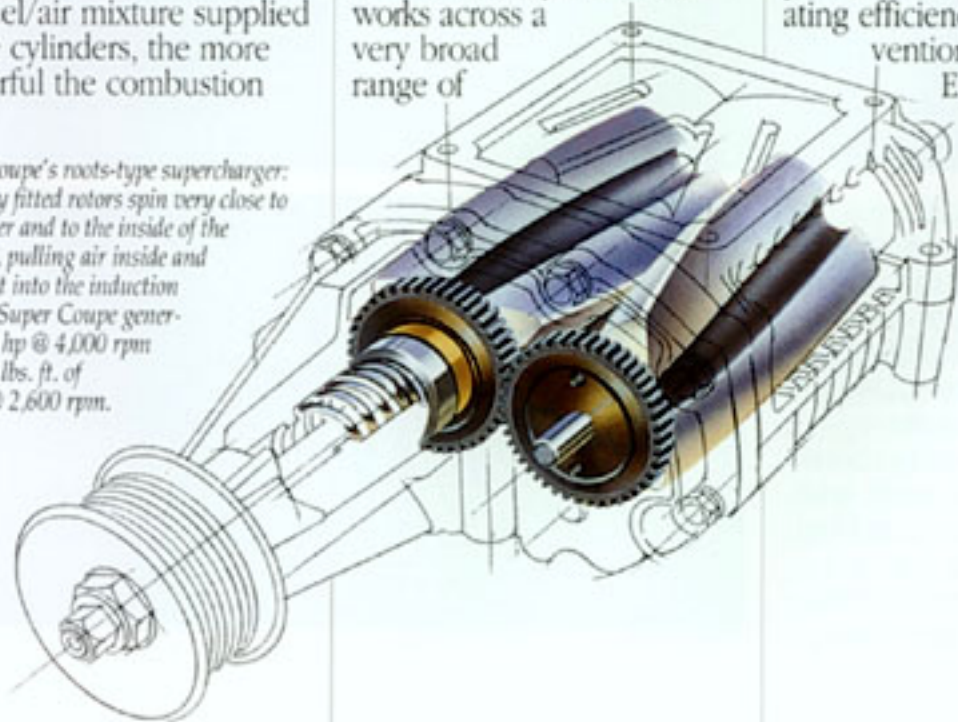


cylinder fuel economy (EPA mileage estimates not available at press time). Here's how supercharging works:

The greater the mass of the fuel/air mixture supplied to the cylinders, the more powerful the combustion

stroke. A supercharger is a positive displacement air pump that delivers this increased mass. Unlike a turbocharger, it's mechanically driven and works across a very broad range of

Super Coupe's roots-type supercharger: the finely fitted rotors spin very close to each other and to the inside of the housing, pulling air inside and forcing it into the induction system. Super Coupe generates 210 hp @ 4,000 rpm and 315 lbs. ft. of torque @ 2,600 rpm.



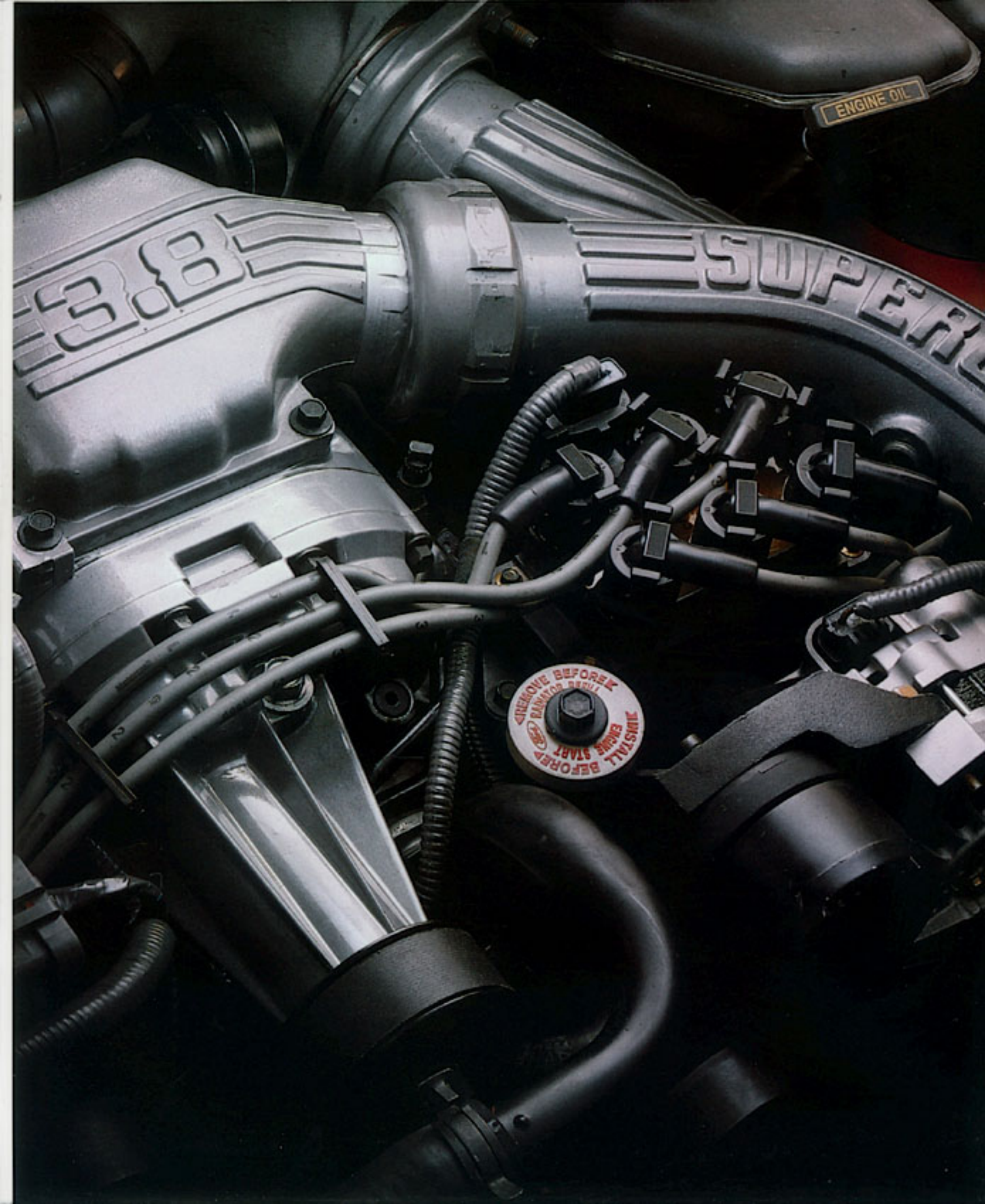
THREE LEVELS OF SOPHISTICATED POWER.

THERE'S SURE TO BE ONE TO SUIT YOUR STYLE.

engine rpm. The result is quick response even at start-up speeds without the momentary "lag" associated with turbocharging.

The supercharging system used on Super Coupe carries this principle even further by employing a device called an intercooler. Located between the supercharger and the combustion chamber, the intercooler lowers the temperature of the air passing through it, increasing its density and thus increasing horsepower even more.

Thunderbird's standard engine is the 3.8 liter V-6 with sequential electronic fuel injection. Sequential EFI provides even greater operating efficiency than a conventional multi-port EFI system.



ENGINE OIL

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SUPER

REMOVE BEFORE
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INSTALL BEFORE
ENGINE START
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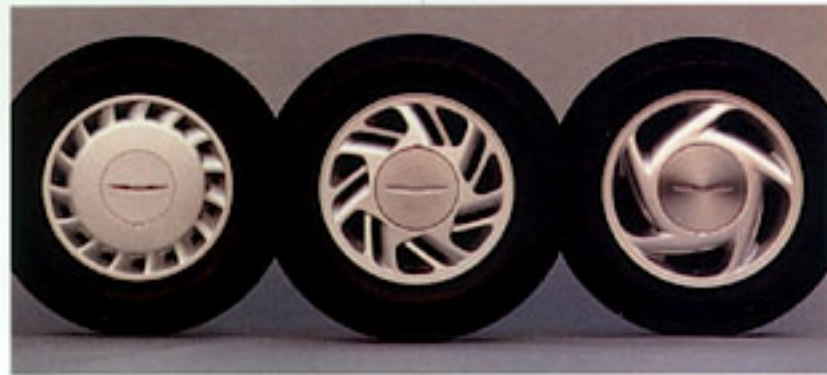
QUALITY FEATURES, OPTIONS AND PACKAGES THAT DEFINE YOUR THUNDERBIRD.

Even though all Thunderbirds come very well equipped, you may have some favorite options in mind. Preferred Equipment Packages are the smart way to add desirable extras to your new Thunderbird. They are groups of popular features which, when purchased together, offer a substantial savings over the prices of the items if purchased separately.

In addition, several premium options, like the Ford JBL Audio System, are available to let you match your equipment to your own personal style of motoring.



The convenient keyless entry system is part of the LX Preferred Equipment Package, optional with other Thunderbirds.



The power moonroof is optional with all Thunderbirds for that great convertible feel.

The electronic instrument cluster, optional with LX, includes a handy trip computer.

The electronic AM/FM stereo search radio with cassette tape is included with most Preferred Equipment Packages.

An automatic day/night rearview mirror is part of the autolamp group.

MAJOR STANDARD FEATURES

Standard Thunderbird

3.8L V-6 engine with sequential multiple-port electronic fuel injection, 140 horsepower and a 9.0:1 compression ratio

Automatic overdrive transmission

Longspindle SIA front suspension with variable-rate coil springs, double-acting gas-pressurized shock absorbers, and a 1.1" diameter stabilizer bar

Independent Horn rear suspension with toe control link, variable-rate springs, double-acting gas-pressurized shock absorbers, and a 1.04" diameter stabilizer bar

Power rack-and-pinion steering, ratio 14.1:1 on center

Power front disc/rear drum brakes

Stamped steel 15" x 6.0" wheels, deluxe wheel covers and P205/70R15 BSW tires

New long-lasting LED taillamps

Body-side protection moldings with bright insert

Front automatic shoulder belt restraint system with manual lap belt

Full-length console with floor-mounted shift

Vinyl door trim with storage bins

Cloth bucket seats with recliners

Map/dome, luggage compartment, ashtray and driver's footwell lights

Air conditioning

Tinted glass

Analog instrumentation

Electronic AM/FM stereo search radio with digital clock (may be deleted for credit)

Power windows

Interval windshield wipers

Thunderbird wheel treatments include styled road wheel covers, 15" cast aluminum wheels, and 16" cast aluminum wheels (standard on Super Coupe).

PRODUCT CHANGES

Following publication of the catalog, certain changes in standard equipment, options, prices and the like, or product delays, may have occurred which would not be included in these pages. Your Ford Dealer is your best source for up-to-date information.

Ford Division reserves the right to change product specifications at any time without incurring obligations.

LX (over standard)

- Speed-sensitive, variable-assist power steering, ratio 14.1:1 on center
- Styled road wheel covers
- Dual electric remote-control mirrors
- Luxury level door trim and carpeting
- Power lock group [1]
- Analog performance instrumentation with tachometer
- Fog lamps
- Illuminated entry system and convenience lights
- Illuminated visor mirrors
- Rear seat courtesy lights
- Luxury cloth/leather/vinyl bucket seats with recliners and 6-way power for the driver
- Rear seat center armrest
- Leather-wrapped luxury steering wheel
- Electronic AM/FM stereo search radio with cassette and digital clock
- Speed control/tilt steering wheel

Thunderbird Sport (over standard)

- 5.0L HO EFI V-8 and automatic overdrive transmission
- Cast aluminum wheels and P215/70R15 BSW tires
- Speed-sensitive, variable-assist power steering, ratio 14.1:1 on center
- Handling suspension
- Performance analog instrument cluster
- Leather-wrapped steering wheel

Super Coupe (over standard)

- 3.8L supercharged, intercooled V-6 with sequential multiple-port electronic fuel injection, 210 horsepower and an 8.2:1 compression ratio
- 5-speed manual overdrive transmission
- Automatic ride control suspension in addition to standard suspension, 1.12" diameter front stabilizer bar, .9" diameter solid rear stabilizer bar
- Traction-lok rear axle
- Speed-sensitive, variable-assist power steering, ratio 14.1:1 on center
- Four-wheel power disc brakes with anti-lock braking system
- Cast aluminum 16" x 7.0" wheels and P225/60 performance tires
- Fog lamps
- Narrow bodyside moldings and lower bodyside cladding
- Dual electric remote-control mirrors
- Luxury door trim and carpeting
- Articulated sport seats with power lumbar and power seat back bolster adjustments
- Sport soft-feel steering wheel
- Heavy-duty battery and alternator
- Analog performance instrumentation with tachometer

PREFERRED EQUIPMENT PACKAGES*

Note: Package content is subject to change. X = Included in package S = Standard O = Optional

	Standard 151A	Sport 152A	LX 155A	Super Coupe 157A
6-way power driver's seat	X	X	S	X
Electronic AM/FM stereo radio with cassette player and clock	X	X		X
Rear window defroster	X	X	X	X
Luxury Group (includes dual electric remote-control mirrors, speed control, tilt steering wheel, styled road wheel covers [except Sport and Super Coupe])	X	X	X	X
Power lock group [1]	O	O	S	X
Cast aluminum wheels and P215/70R15 BSW tires (unique 16" wheels and tires with Super Coupe)	X	S	X	S
Electronic automatic temperature control			X	X
Electronic premium cassette radio with premium sound	O	O	X	O
Power antenna	O	O	X	X
Autolamp group (on/off/delay and automatic day/night mirror)	O	O	X	O
Cornering lamps	O	O	X	O
Front floor mats	O	O	X	O
Keyless entry system	O	O	X	O
6-way power passenger's seat	O	O	X	O
3.8L EFI supercharged V-6 with automatic overdrive transmission				O
5.0L HO EFI V-8 with automatic overdrive transmission	O	S	O	
P225/60ZR16 BSW all-season performance tires				O
Conventional spare tire	O		O	
Leather seating surfaces			O	O
Anti-lock braking system	O	O	O	S
Anti-theft system	O	O	O	O
Traction-lok axle	O	O	O	S
Ford JBL audio system	O	O	O	O
Compact disc player	O	O	O	O
Electronic instrument cluster			O	
Illuminated entry system	O	O	S	O
Light/convenience group [2]	O	O	S	O
Power moonroof	O	O	O	O
Vehicle maintenance monitor	O	O	O	O

*Package content differs in some areas. Please consult your dealer. [1] Includes power door locks, remote-control electric decklid release and remote-control electronic fuel filler door in glove box. [2] Includes instrument panel courtesy light, engine compartment light (both standard on LX and Super Coupe), and dual illuminated visor vanity mirrors (standard on LX).

COLORS AND TRIMS

Exterior Paint Colors	Interior Trim Colors				
	Titanium	Crystal Blue	Currant Red	Mocha	Black
Thunderbird/LX/Sport					
Oxford White	■	■	■	■	■
Cayman Green Clearcoat Metallic				■	■
Mocha Frost Clearcoat Metallic				■	■
Electric Red Clearcoat Metallic	■		■	■	■
Bright Red Clearcoat (non-metallic)	■			■	■
Dark Plum Clearcoat Metallic	■			■	■
Crystal Blue Frost Clearcoat Metallic	■	■			■
Twilight Blue Clearcoat Metallic	■	■			■
Black Clearcoat (non-metallic)	■	■	■	■	■
Opal Grey Clearcoat Metallic	■		■		■
Silver Clearcoat Metallic	■	■	■		■
Thunderbird Super Coupe					
Oxford White	■	■	■		■
Bright Red Clearcoat (non-metallic)	■				■
Twilight Blue Clearcoat Metallic	■	■			■
Black Clearcoat (non-metallic)	■	■	■		■
Silver Clearcoat Metallic	■	■	■		■

6-YEAR/100,000-MILE CORROSION PROTECTION

Corrosion warranty coverage for outer body panel rust-through is 6 years or 100,000 miles, whichever comes first. See your Ford Dealer for a copy of this limited warranty.



Optional Ford Extended Service Plans cover major components on new Ford cars and light trucks for longer than the vehicle's basic warranty. Your Ford Dealer has full details.

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