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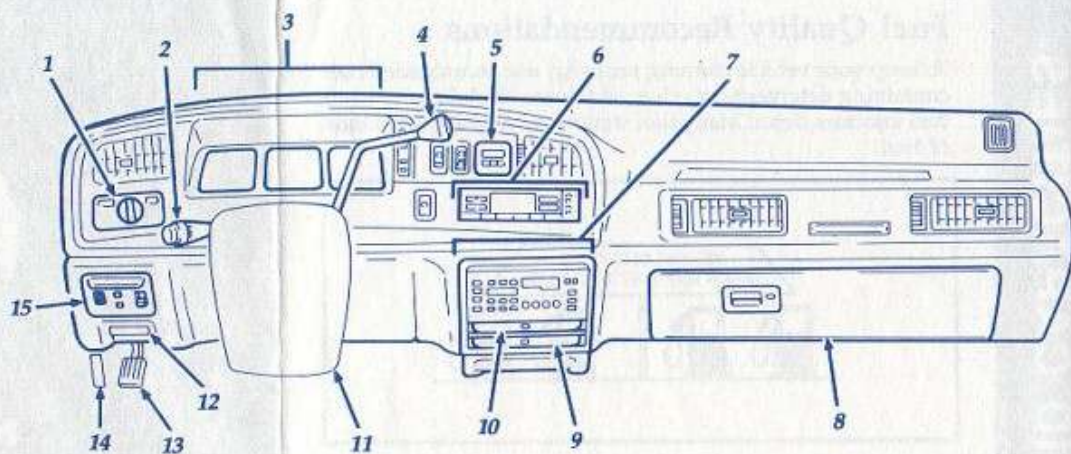
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**OPERATING GUIDE**



### About This Guide

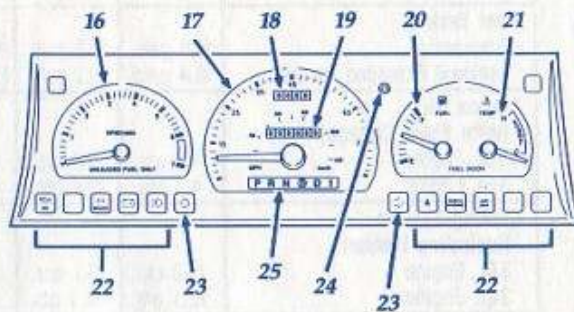
This guide will highlight the instructions from a few important areas of your Owner's Guide. It will help you to learn about the basic components, controls and features of your vehicle. For detailed information and warnings, please read your Owner's Guide.



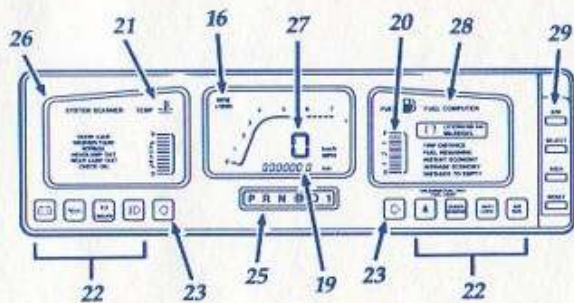
### Instrumentation

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Mechanical Cluster with Tachometer



Electronic Cluster



## Ignition Lock Cylinder



**Accessory (ACC) Position** — In the ACC position some of your car's electrical accessories will operate while the engine is not running.

**Lock** — The steering wheel is locked when the ignition is in this position. Lock is the only position that allows you to remove the key. If your key is stuck in the LOCK position, move your steering wheel left or right until the key turns freely.

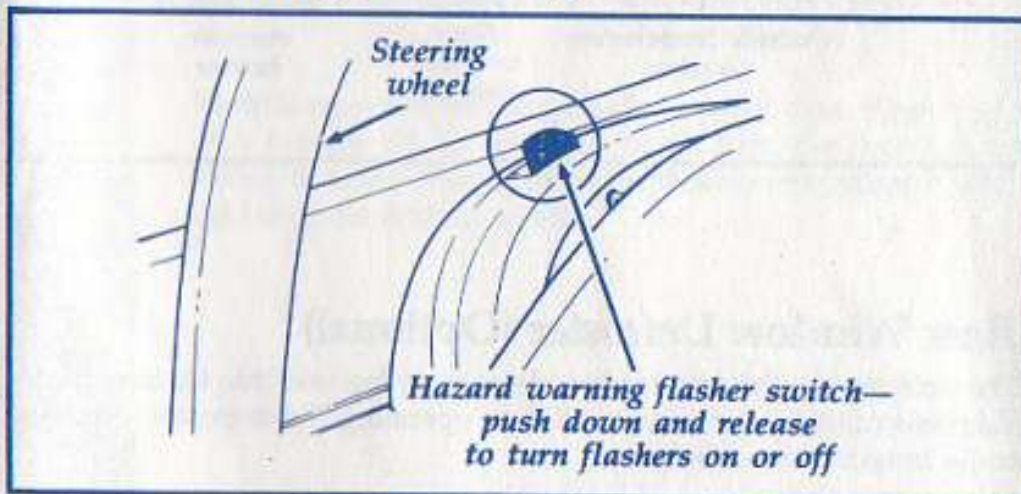
**WARNING** — LOCK does not lock the gearshift. If the parking brake is not set and the gearshift is moved out of gear, your car may move unexpectedly and injure someone.

**Off** — In this position you can shut off the engine and all accessories without locking the steering wheel.

**On** — In this position you can test your car's warning lights (except the brake warning light) before the engine is started. After you start the car, the key returns to the ON position and stays in this position while you drive.

**Start** — This position cranks the engine. Release the key once the engine starts. The key should return to ON when you release it. The START position allows you to test the brake warning light.

## Hazard Warning Flasher System



The Hazard Warning Flasher System warns other drivers to be careful when approaching or passing your car.

## Starting the Engine

Climate conditions can change the way you should start your car. You should also remember that because your car has a fuel-injected engine, you do not need to press on the accelerator unless it will not start otherwise. Read all the starting instructions carefully, so you'll know the best way to start your vehicle.

**Note** — Before turning the key, be sure the parking brake has been set fully. Make sure that the gearshift is in PARK.

After you start the engine, let it idle for a few seconds. Keep your foot on the brake pedal, put the gearshift lever in gear and release the parking brake. Slowly release the brake pedal and drive away in a normal manner.

A computer system controls the engine's idle rpm. When you start your vehicle, the engine's idling rpm normally runs high. These faster engine speeds will make your car move slightly faster than when the engine is at its normal warm engine idle speed. It should, however, slow down when the vehicle warms up. If it does not, have the idle rpm checked.

**WARNING** — If the engine idling speed does not slow down automatically, do not allow your vehicle to idle more than ten minutes and have the vehicle checked. Extended idling at high engine speeds can produce very high temperatures in the engine and exhaust system, creating the risk of fire and other damage to the vehicle and may possibly result in personal injury.

### Cold Engine

1. Make sure you and all your passengers buckle your safety belts. See *Using Safety Restraints Properly* in the Owner's Guide.
2. Make sure your headlamps and other accessories are turned off.
3. Make sure that the gearshift lever is in P (PARK) and the parking brake is set.
4. Do not press the accelerator pedal.
5. Turn the key to START until the engine starts, then release the key. Keep your foot on the brake pedal, put the gearshift lever in gear and release the parking brake. Slowly release the brake pedal and drive away in a normal manner.
6. If the engine does not start on your first try, turn the key to OFF. Wait 10 to 12 seconds. Repeat step 5.

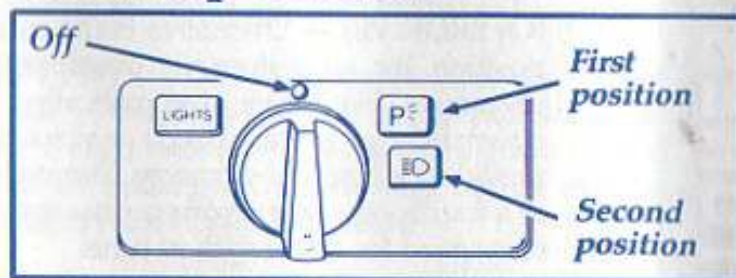
7. If the engine still does not start, push the accelerator to the floor and hold it while you turn the key. Turn the key to START and hold it for up to 15 seconds. Then if the engine does not start, turn the key to OFF and wait two minutes before you try again.

**Note** — Do not hold the key in the START position for more than 15 seconds at a time or you could damage the starter.

### Warm Engine

1. Make sure you and all your passengers buckle your safety belts. See *Using Safety Restraints Properly* in the Owner's Guide.
2. Turn the key to START until the engine starts, then release the key.
3. If the engine does not start within four seconds, turn the key off. Wait 10 to 12 seconds so that you do not flood the engine. Repeat step 2.
4. If the engine still does not start, press the accelerator all the way to the floor and hold it. Turn the key to START. Release the key when the engine starts. Gradually release the accelerator as the engine speeds up.

## Headlamp Controls



To turn on the parking lamps, side markers and tail lamps, turn the switch to "P" or the first position.

To turn on the headlamps, parking lamps, side markers, and tail lamps, turn the switch to the second position.

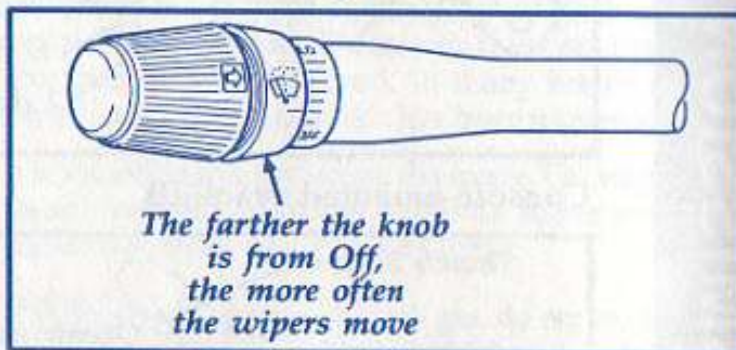
The headlamp dimmer is operated by using the turn signal lever.

## Daytime Running Lights (Canadian vehicles only)

The Daytime Running Light (DRL) system is designed to turn the high beam headlamps ON, when the vehicle is "running," the parking brake is released and the headlamp system is in the OFF position. The headlamps will produce a reduced light output and the high beam indicator lamp in the instrument panel will not light. You may notice that the lights flicker when the vehicle is turned on or off. This is a normal condition.

**WARNING** — When the Daytime Running Light (DRL) system is active, the tail lamps on your vehicle will not be illuminated. It is necessary at dusk to turn on your headlamps. Failure to do so could cause an accident, possibly injuring yourself and others.

## Windshield Wipers and Washers

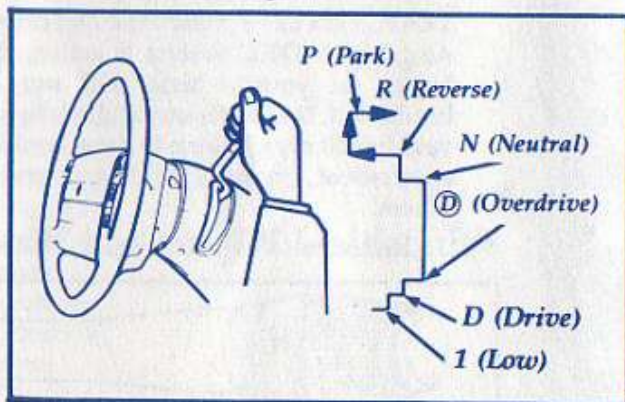


**WARNING** — In freezing weather, warm up the windshield with the defroster before you use the washer fluid. If you do not do this, the washer solution may freeze on the windshield and obscure your vision. This could cause an accident, possibly hurting you and others.

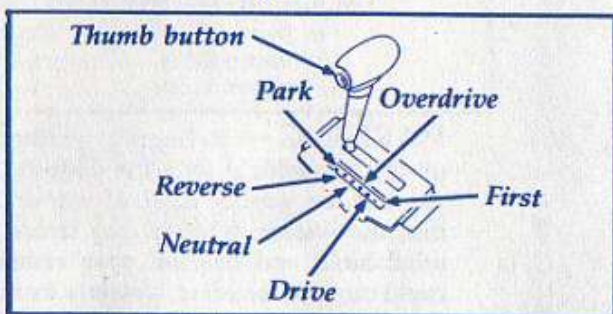
## Automatic Overdrive Transaxle

- ⓓ (OVERDRIVE) — Overdrive is the usual driving position for an automatic overdrive transaxle. Overdrive, like Drive, automatically upshifts or downshifts as the car speeds or slows. In order to provide the best fuel economy, Overdrive shifts into a fourth gear when your car cruises at a consistent speed for any length of time.
- D (DRIVE) — In Drive, the transaxle will not shift into fourth gear. Use Drive to prevent excessive shifting between third and fourth gears when driving through hilly terrain. It also provides more engine braking than Overdrive when driving on hilly roads.
- 1 (LOW) — Use Low to help drive up steep hills or when maximum engine braking is required.
- P (PARK) — Park locks the transaxle and prevents the rear wheels from turning whether or not the engine is running.
- R (REVERSE) — Reverse allows you to move the car backward. Before shifting into or out of Reverse, you should always come to a complete stop.
- N (NEUTRAL) — In Neutral no gear is engaged, but the wheels are not locked.

### Column-mounted gearshift



### Console-mounted gearshift



If your car's gearshift is on the console, you must push in the thumb button to move the gearshift to the position you choose.

**WARNING** — Hold the brake pedal down while you move the gearshift from position to position, except when you shift between forward drive gears. If you do not hold the brake pedal down, your vehicle may move unexpectedly and injure someone.

**WARNING** — Do not use the Park position in place of the parking brake. Always set the parking brake fully and make sure that the gearshift is securely latched in Park.

Turn off the ignition whenever you leave your car. Do not leave your car unattended while the engine is running.

If you do not take these precautions, your car may move unexpectedly and injure someone.

## Parking Brake

The parking brake should be used whenever you park your vehicle. The parking brake is suspended just below the bottom of the instrument panel to the left of the brake pedal. To set the parking brake, apply the brake pedal with your right foot and hold it while you push the parking brake down firmly and fully with your left foot. To release the parking brake, pull the BRAKE RELEASE handle located on the lower left corner of the instrument panel.

## Fuel Pump Shut-Off Switch

The shut-off switch is a safety device intended to automatically stop the flow of fuel to the engine when your car has been hit or you are involved in a collision. The impact does not have to be great for the switch to be triggered. In many instances, you might not even know that the switch has been triggered.

The switch is located in the left side of the trunk. On wagons the switch is located behind the right side service access panel. For reset instructions, refer to your Owner Guide.

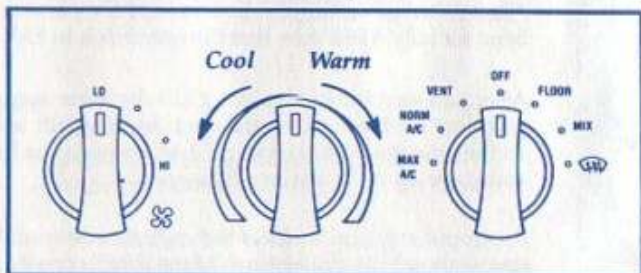
**WARNING** — If you see or smell gas, do not reset the switch or try to start your car. You could injure yourself or others. Have all the passengers get out of the vehicle and call the local fire department or a towing service.

## Climate Control Systems

Your car has one of the following climate control systems:

- Heating and Air Conditioning System
- Electronic Climate Control System

### Heating and Air Conditioning System



**Heating** — To heat your car, turn the Select knob to FLOOR, turn the Temp knob to the red (warm) area and set the fan at the desired speed. The FLOOR position directs air through the floor registers with a little air directed at the windshield and side windows to help prevent fogging.

**Defrosting** — To defrost the windshield and side windows, turn the Select knob to the defrost symbol, turn the Temp knob to the desired temperature and set the fan at the desired speed. The defrost position directs air to the windshield and side windows.

**Heating and defrosting** — To heat your car and defrost the windshield, turn the Select knob to MIX, turn the Temp knob to the desired temperature and set the fan at the desired speed.

**Ventilating** — On mild days you may want to ventilate your car with outside air. To open the vents, turn the Select knob to VENT, turn the Temp knob to the desired temperature, and set the fan at the desired speed.

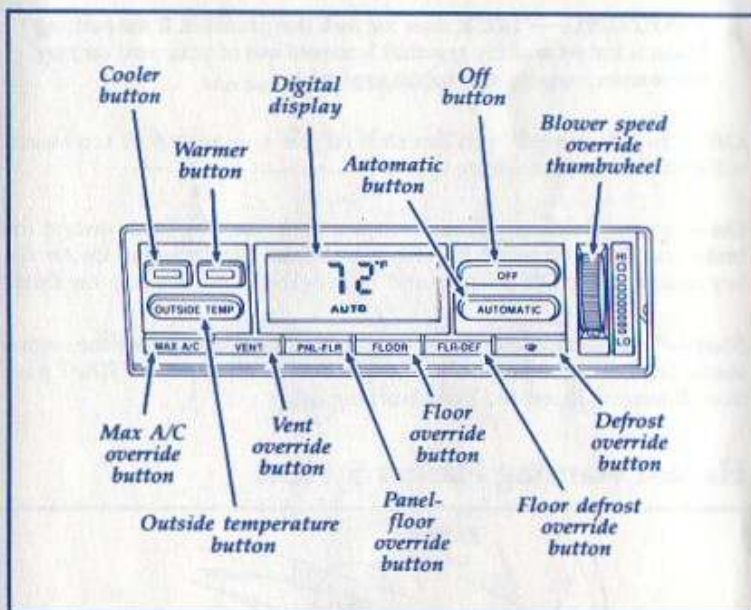
**Cooling** — To cool your car quickly, turn the Select knob to MAX, turn the Temp knob to COOL and set the fan at the desired speed. Because MAX uses recirculated air, MAX is usually more economical than the normal A/C position.

To cool your car using outside air, use the NORM position instead of MAX. Cooling your car in this way is quieter, but less economical than using recirculated air.

### Electronic Climate Control (Optional)

The electronic climate control is an automatic system that electronically maintains the temperature inside your car and continuously defogs the windows. It regulates the airflow among the instrument panel registers, floor outlets, and side window outlets. You can also manually override the fan speed and airflow direction.

See your Owner Guide for complete operating instructions.



### Rear Window Defroster (Optional)

The defroster for the rear window clears frost, fog, and thin ice from the inside and outside rear window. Before operating the defroster, clear any snow from the rear window.

To use the defroster, start your car's engine and press the rear window defrost button. The defroster turns off automatically after ten minutes. If the window is not clear, turn on the defroster again.

## Fuel Quality Recommendations

To keep your vehicle running properly, use an unleaded fuel containing detergents or other additives which help to keep fuel injectors clean. Many fuel stations advertise these kinds of fuel.



## Fluid Capacities

Component	U.S.	Imp.	Metric
<b>Fuel Tank</b>			
Standard	16.0 gals.	13.3 gals.	60.6 liters
Optional Extended Range	18.4 gals.	15.3 gals.	69.6 liters
<b>Engine Oil (With Filter Change)</b>			
3.0L Engine	4.5 qts.	3.8 qts.	4.2 liters
3.8L Engine	4.5 qts.	3.8 qts.	4.2 liters
<b>Cooling System (Including Heater)</b>			
3.0L Engine	11.0 qts.	9.1 qts.	10.4 liters
3.8L Engine	12.1 qts.	10.1 qts.	11.5 liters



## REMOTE ALARM

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**Remote Arming:** Turn ignition "off," exit vehicle, close door then press button "A" – The system will arm, starter will be locked-out, (On Remote Plus: doors will lock). When fully armed, the siren will emit 2 short chirps and the status indicator will blink.

**Automatic (Passive) Arming:** Turn ignition "off," exit vehicle and close door. The starter will automatically lock out two minutes after door is closed. The status indicator will start a slow blink.

**Remote Disarm:** Press button "D" – A single chirp indicates that the system is disarmed and the status indicator will turn "off" *starter interrupt will be deactivated, (on Remote Plus: doors will unlock, (optional: hoodlock will disengage for one minute).* Enter vehicle.

**Valet Button:** To prevent the system from arming, disarm system then press Valet button (*status indicator will double blink.* Press again (*status light turns "off"*) and the system will arm normally. **NOTE:** *The optional remote door lock feature will remain functional in Valet.*

**Remote Panic:** Press both buttons simultaneously – The siren will turn "on" for 30 seconds. Press both buttons again and the siren will turn "off" before 30 seconds.

**Battery Replacement:** Replace transmitter battery when range decreases. Remove case screw and back cover. Replace with 12V lighter battery (Duracell-MN21, Gold Peak-GP23A, or equiv.).

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# REMOTE PLUS

## VEHICLE SECURITY SYSTEM

### OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS



The FORD REMOTE PLUS VEHICLE SECURITY SYSTEM offers maximum vehicle protection with built-in convenience. Your system was designed and engineered especially for your Ford vehicle using the latest in advanced technology to provide the highest degree of dependability.

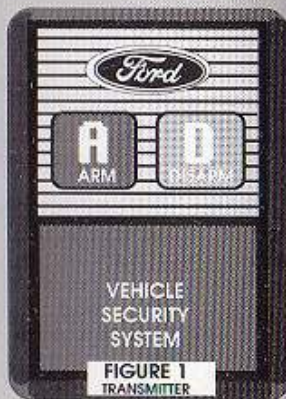
### REMOTE SYSTEM CONTROL

#### KEY CHAIN TRANSMITTER (SEE FIGURE 1)

The transmitter has (2) buttons for remote control operation: "D" for disarm, door unlock and trunk/hatch release, and "A" for arming and door lock. System operating range is up to 50 ft. Range may vary from vehicle to vehicle.

#### REMOTE ARMING (SEE FIGURE 1)

Turn the ignition key off and exit the vehicle. Press button "A" on the transmitter. The siren will emit 1 short "chirp" to indicate that the system is arming. A second "chirp" will follow immediately to indicate system is fully armed. (A single short "chirp" indicates that one of the protected entry points (such as a door) has been left open or the system is in valet mode. Once the door is closed the siren will emit the 2nd arm "chirp" 1 second after the last door is closed.) The status indicator, mounted on the vehicle dashboard, will begin blinking.



#### REMOTE DISARMING (SEE FIGURE 1)

With the system armed, press button "D" on the transmitter. The siren will emit a single "chirp" to indicate that the system is fully disarmed. The dash mounted status indicator will stop blinking and the vehicle can now be started and operated normally.

#### REMOTE POWER DOOR LOCK/UNLOCK

(FOR VEHICLES EQUIPPED WITH POWER DOOR LOCKS)

Follow the procedure for remote arming. The doors will lock with the 1st short arm "chirp." Follow the procedure for remote disarm. The doors will unlock with the long disarm "chirp."

#### REMOTE TRUNK/HATCH RELEASE

(FOR VEHICLES WITH ELECTRIC TRUNK/HATCH RELEASE)

**PRESS BUTTON "D" AND HOLD** – the trunk/hatch opens. Trunk/hatch release will not open when the ignition key is turned to the "ON" position to prevent the trunk/hatch from opening while driving.

#### REMOTE PANIC OPERATION (Personal protection feature)

The panic mode can be activated within the transmitter range by pressing both buttons on the transmitter **at the same time**. The siren will be activated and remain sounding for 30 seconds. The siren can be turned off at any time by pressing button "A" or "D" on the transmitter. The panic mode is operable with the system armed or disarmed.

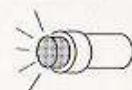
#### NOTE

All remote functions cease when the ignition is turned to the "ON" position.

### SYSTEM CONTROLS INSIDE VEHICLE

#### VALET BUTTON/STATUS LIGHT

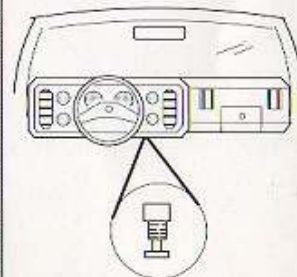
The valet function allows the user to disengage the entire security system. To operate, simply disarm the system pressing "D" on the transmitter, then press the valet button. The ignition key must be off. The status light will indicate the valet mode with a double blink. The system will remain in the valet mode until the valet button is pushed again. The status light will also indicate when the alarm system is armed (single blink) and disarmed (no blink).



VALET BUTTON/STATUS LIGHT

#### EMERGENCY DISARM BUTTON

The disarm button disarms the alarm and allows the vehicle to start if the transmitter is lost or not functioning. Enter the vehicle (the alarm will sound), and turn on the ignition key. Press the hidden disarm button to disarm the alarm. The status light will turn off and the system is now disarmed.



EMERGENCY DISARM BUTTON

## ADDITIONAL SYSTEM FEATURES

### IGNITION TRIGGERED DOOR LOCKS

Close the doors, turn the ignition to the on position - all doors will lock.

### AUTOMATIC STARTER LOCKOUT

(Starter lockout breaks connection to the starter. If power is removed from the module, the vehicle cannot be started.)

The Remote Plus System automatically locks out the starter each time you arm the system with your remote transmitter. If you do not arm the system with your remote transmitter, the Remote Plus System will automatically lock out the starter after 2 minutes. Status indicator will begin single blinking.

### FLASHING PARKING LIGHTS

Parking lights will flash when the alarm is set off for easy identification. The parking lights will also flash in conjunction with the arm/disarm 'chirps.'

### ILLUMINATED ENTRY

When you disarm the system using the transmitter, the interior lights will turn on and remain on for 1 minute or until the ignition key is turned on.

### LITE-TOUCH SHOCK SENSOR

A light blow to the vehicle, when armed, will give a short siren alert, however, it will not activate the alarm. Several quick light blows, or one hard blow, will set off the alarm. The LITE-TOUCH shock sensor is designed to detect blows to the vehicle (such as breaking glass).

### ALARM DURATION

Once activated, the siren will sound for approximately 60 seconds and automatically shut off and then rearm automatically to continue protecting the vehicle. If any protected entry point (such as a door) is left open or any impact to the vehicle is still being detected (through the shock sensor) the siren will sound again for another 60 seconds. This cycle will continue until all protected points are closed, impact ceases or system is disarmed.

## SYSTEM MAINTENANCE

The system requires no maintenance except for an occasional replacement of a transmitter battery. Should your system not function properly, your FORD LINCOLN-MERCURY DEALER is trained to service your system and to answer any questions concerning specific operating procedures or call 1-800-FORD-KEY.

### BATTERY REPLACEMENT (SEE FIGURE 2)

The life expectancy of the transmitter battery is approximately 1 year and may be longer depending on actual use. \*Decreasing transmitter range is an indication of a weakening battery.

To access the transmitter battery; 1. Use a small phillips head screwdriver to remove the case screw on the back of the transmitter. 2. Remove the back cover to access the battery. 3. Carefully remove the battery and replace it with a 12V cigarette lighter battery (Duracell-Type MN21, Gold Peak-Type GP23A, or order from your Ford or Lincoln Mercury dealer). **Make sure the battery's (-) & (+) sides are placed into transmitter properly as illustrated in FIGURE 2.**



### NOTE:

□ The system will automatically lock-out the starter after two minutes when passively arming. To prevent this during servicing of your vehicle, activate the valet mode so starter lock-out will not occur.

