

MAJOR PRODUCT CHANGES

OVERVIEW

The new and improved 2000 Mercury Sable is a car of substance and distinction. The 2000 Sable offers a more formal exterior appearance, an all-new wheel line-up, new seats, improved powertrain, and ride and segment exclusive safety and comfort features.

FUNCTIONAL REVISIONS

Safety/Security

- Standard Personal Safety System includes dual stage driver and passenger front air bags with crash severity sensing system, front seat belt usage detection system, driver seat position sensors, new front safety belt pretensioners and energy management retractors
- New belt minder warning system
- New locking head restraints are two inches taller for improved comfort and support
- Integrated child safety seat tethers in rear package tray for two outboard seat positions
- New standard emergency trunk release
- New head impact protection

Powertrain/Chassis

- Base Vulcan engine offers 12 ft-lbs more torque and eight additional horsepower which improves part-throttle and passing performance and responsiveness
- Duratec refinements make engine quieter and provides smoother shifting. New coil-on-plug ignition system improves reliability and durability. New single exhaust system maintains 200 hp
- New electronic returnless fuel system reduces fuel tank vapor
- More precise steering feel and positive on-center feel
- Spring rates are 15% softer in front and 12% softer in rear to improve smoothness

OPTIONS/MISCELLANEOUS

- New power adjustable brake/accelerator pedal unit moves rearward up to three inches to accommodate driver (optional on GS, standard on LS)
- Fog lamps and heated mirrors now standard on LS California edition
- Power passenger seat now requires side air bags and leather seating surfaces
- Dual beam map/dome light and remote keyless entry system now standard on all series
- New audio group includes MACH audio and 6-disc CD changer; available on LS California edition series only
- New extended clock check/set feature allows time to be set or checked with ignition switch off
- Second powerpoint and floor mats now standard on all series
- New optional head and chest side air bags for front seat driver and passenger
- Optional all-speed traction control (requires ABS) available on LS California edition
- Engine block heater no longer available as option. Dealer installed option only
- Air filtration system standard on all models
- New complex reflector clear-lens headlamps improve night vision and service life
- Four new trunk cargo hooks to hang bags in luggage area

OPTIONS/MISCELLANEOUS (Continued)

- New single activation moonroof switch controls tilt and slide functions

INTERIOR REVISIONS

- New two-tone instrument panel with darker upper pad offers more sophisticated look
- New integrated control panel shape provides better functionality
- New interior door panels, revised seat cut and sew style, and 360 door pull handle
- Heavier carpet for quieter ride
- All models offer new woodgrain trim
- Hard map pockets on all four doors and seat map pockets on driver and passenger seat backs
- Added storage bin in IP center stack
- 5-passenger includes additional storage in console, new adjustable cup holders, new front storage bin, passenger-side console map pocket, rear cup holders and second powerpoint. 6-disc CD changer I in the center console offers improved convenience
- 6-passenger center console offers more storage room and folds flat for improved functionality (standard on GS)
- 5-passenger configuration with mini-console and column shift is no longer available
- New illuminated sunvisors with secondary visor on LS California edition provide increased coverage of front windshield and door glass

EXTERIOR REVISIONS

- New exterior styling includes raised hood and decklid, larger headlamps and taillamps and new mirrors
- Wider decklid opening and lowered decklid liftover height for easier access to trunk
- All new wheel line-up including standard 16" wheels and larger P215/60R/16 tires for softer ride
- New larger grille with vertical black bars and chrome surround

NEW EXTERIOR COLORS

- Chestnut Brown Clearcoat Metallic (B4)
- Medium Royal Blue Clearcoat Metallic (LA)
- Harvest Gold Clearcoat Metallic (B2)

NEW INTERIOR COLORS

- Medium Parchment (H)
- Dark Charcoal (W)

MEMO: DISCONTINUED EXTERIOR COLORS

- Light Prairie Tan Clearcoat Metallic
- Dark Green Satin Clearcoat Metallic
- Deep Navy Blue Clearcoat Metallic

MEMO: DISCONTINUED INTERIOR COLORS

- Prairie Tan
- Deep Slate Blue

2000 SABLE MAJOR STANDARD EQUIPMENT

	GS Sedan	LS California Sedan	LS California Wagon
EXTERIOR			
BACKLIGHT — Flip-up glass with gas cylinders			•
BUMPERS — Front and rear 5 MPH impact absorbing body color	•	•	•
Unique shape rear 5 MPH impact absorbing body colored with step pads			•
DOOR HANDLES — Body color flush mounted	•	•	•
FASCIA — Body color	•	•	•
GRILLE — Black with center Mercury ornament and chrome surround	•	•	•
HEADLAMPS — Complex reflector clear lens	•	•	•
LUGGAGE RACK — Aerodynamic with adjustable crossbar and tie-downs			•
MIRRORS — Dual body color/black electric remote control	•	•	•
MOLDINGS — Bodyside protection - body color with bright insert	•	•	•
Color-keyed roof	•	•	•
Flush black around side window, windshield, backlite	•	•	
Flush black windshield/backlite, bright side door window			•
Black color rocker panel	•	•	•
PAINT, CLEARCOAT	•	•	•
TAILLAMPS — Monochromatic	•	•	•
WHEEL COVERS — Deluxe Bolt-On	•		
WHEELS — 7-Spoke machined aluminum		•	•
INTERIOR			
AIR BAGS, DUAL FRONT SUPPLEMENTAL RESTRAINT SYSTEM (SRS) — Dual stage second generation, driver and right front passenger	•	•	•
ASHTRAY — Front	•	•	•
CARPET — 13.5 oz. color-keyed with integral driver footrest	•	•	•
CLOCK, ELECTRONIC DIGITAL — With dimming feature	•	•	•
CUPHOLDERS/COIN HOLDER/CASSETTE STOWAGE — Integral with center console	•	•	•
DOOR HANDLES — Chrome graspable	•	•	•
GLOVE BOX — Locking, illuminated (dampened door 5-passenger LS)	•	•	•
GRAB HANDLES, RETRACTABLE FRONT PASSENGER AND REAR — With integral rear coat hooks	•	•	•
INSTRUMENT PANEL — With backlighted cluster, positive shut-off climate control registers, side window demisters and full width windshield defroster	•	•	•
INTEGRATED CONTROL PANEL — With climate controls, radio, rear window defrost, and clock controls	•	•	•
LIGHTS — Courtesy dome switches located on all four doors	•	•	•
Dome lamp with on/off automatic switch	•	•	•
Headlamp illuminated with chime reminder	•	•	•
Warning — air bags, door ajar, battery, oil pressure, brake, service engine soon, and seat belt reminder	•	•	•
Low fuel indicator light	•	•	•
Delayed off dome lamp	•	•	•
Cargo courtesy light — liftgate activated with on/off/automatic settings			•
Map Lights			•
LUGGAGE COMPARTMENT — Low liftover fully trimmed (including inner decklid panel) with mini spare	•	•	•
LUMBAR — Manual adjustment driver		•	•
Power adjustment driver			
MAP POCKETS, HARD DOOR	•	•	•
MIRRORS — Day/night rearview	•	•	•
RADIO — Electronic AM/FM Stereo Cassette with four speakers	•	•	•
SEATS — Six-passenger seating with dual recliners, front armrest, front seat map pockets, 2-way headrests, and center seating flip-fold console	•		
Five-passenger seating with dual recliners, front armrest, front seat back map pockets, 2-way headrests, and floor shift/console		•	•
Leather buckets with rear seat center armrest		•	•
60/40 split fold rear seat back		•	•
Third row seat with vinyl trim			•
SEAT BELTS — Continuous loop 3-point belts with adjustable D ring (center front seat lap belt only)	•	•	•
STEERING COLUMN — Tilt	•	•	•
STEERING WHEEL — Color-keyed 4-spoke soft feel with center horn engagement	•		
Leather wrapped 4-spoke with center horn engagement		•	•

LEGEND: ★ = New for this model year.

2000 SABLE MAJOR STANDARD EQUIPMENT

	GS Sedan	LS California Sedan	LS California Wagon
INTERIOR (Continued)			
STOWAGE — Locking hidden under floor and right quarter			•
SUNVISORS — Cloth-covered with covered vanity mirrors	•	•	•
Illuminated mirrors with secondary visors		•	•
FUNCTIONAL			
ADJUSTABLE PEDALS, POWER — Adjusts brake/accelerator up to three inches towards driver		•	•
AIR CONDITIONING — Manual temperature control, CFC Free	•	•	•
AIR DUCTS — Rear seat air conditioning outlet (only available with 5-passenger seating and floor shift/console)		•	•
AIR EXTRACTORS — Quarter panel for improved ventilation and door closing efforts	•	•	•
ALTERNATOR — 130 amp	•	•	•
ANTENNA — Fixed whip quarter panel mounted	•	•	
Power automatic quarter panel mounted			•
AUTO HEADLAMPS		•	•
BATTERY — Low maintenance 58 amp	•	•	•
BATTERY SAVER — Turns off interior lights after 30 minutes	•	•	•
BRAKES — Power assisted front disc/rear drum	•	•	
Four-wheel disc			•
CHIME — Safety belt reminder, headlamp on, door open/key in ignition	•	•	•
DECKLID RELEASE	•	•	•
DEFROSTER/DEFOGGER, REAR WINDOW	•	•	•
EATC — Electronic Automatic Temperature Control		•	•
ELECTRONIC ENGINE CONTROLS - EEC-V	•	•	•
ELECTRONIC RETURNLESS FUEL SYSTEM — Reduces fuel tank vapor	•	•	•
EMERGENCY TRUNK RELEASE — Located in trunk interior	•	•	
ENGINE — 3.0L Vulcan 2V 6-Cylinder	•		
3.0L Duratec 4V 6-Cylinder		•	•
FRONT WHEEL DRIVE	•	•	•
FUEL TANK — 16 gallons (includes tethered quick release gas cap)	•	•	•
Fuel shutoff switch (deactivates fuel pump upon rear impact)	•	•	•
GLASS — Solar-tinted complete	•	•	•
HEAT — Rear seat floor outlets	•	•	•
HOOD — Gas assist and remote release	•	•	•
HORN, DUAL NOTE	•	•	•
INSTRUMENTATION — Temperature and fuel gauges, electric 120 mph speedometer, low brake fluid alert light, trip odometer, one million mile odometer and tachometer	•	•	•
LOCKS — Child safety on rear doors	•	•	•
Unique wagon liftgate latch, night latch, and exterior release handle			•
LOCKS, POWER DOOR — Illuminated controls	•	•	•
PARKING BRAKE — Foot operated	•	•	•
PERIMETER ANTI-THEFT		•	•
POWER POINT — Second 12-volt (in addition to cigarette lighter) - standard on column shift models	•	•	•
REMOTE KEYLESS ENTRY — Includes two remote keyless entry controllers	•	•	•
SEALS — Full perimeter dual with third seal on door frame	•	•	•
SEAT, POWER — Driver six-way with power lumbar		•	•
Passenger six-way			•
SECURILOCK ANTI-THEFT SYSTEM	•	•	•
SHIFTER — Column with soft feel handle	•		
Floor with soft feel handle		•	•
SPEED CONTROL	•	•	•
SPLASH SHIELDS — Front and rear fender/quarter protection			
STEERING — Power, rack and pinion with variable assist (speed sensitive)	•	•	•
SUSPENSION — Independent MacPherson front with nitrogen gas-pressurized struts and front stabilizer bar	•	•	•
Independent rear quadralink with nitrogen gas-pressurized struts	•	•	•
Independent rear short- and long-arm-type (rear) with nitrogen gas pressurized shock absorbers and progressive rate springs			•
TIE DOWNS — Provided on decklid in latch	•	•	
Load floor			•

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MAJOR STANDARD EQUIPMENT

	GS Sedan	LS California Sedan	LS California Wagon
FUNCTIONAL (Continued)			
TIRES — P215/60R/16 All-Season	•	•	•
Mini-spare	•	•	•
TRANSAXLE — Electronic 4-speed automatic overdrive	•	•	•
Auxiliary transaxle oil cooler	•	•	•
WINDSHIELD WIPERS — 2 speed with variable intermittent	•	•	•
Aerodynamic windshield wipers	•	•	•
Rear wiper/washer			•
WINDOWS, ILLUMINATED POWER SIDE — Includes lock-out switch, express-down driver's window, and accessory delay (45 seconds)	•	•	•

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SERIES CODE		GS Sedan	LS California Sedan	LS California Wagon	REMARKS/RESTRICTIONS
BODY CODE		M50	M55	M59	
CODE		MAJOR STANDARD EQUIPMENT			
MAJOR STANDARD EQUIPMENT					
Air Conditioning, Manual		S			
Emergency Trunk Release ★		S	S		
Remote Decklid Release		S	S		
Air Bags, Driver and Passenger Dual Stage ★		S	S	S	
Dual Beam Map/Dome Lamp		S	S	S	
Floor Mats		S	S	S	
Personal Safety System ★		S	S	S	
Power Locks		S	S	S	
Power Mirrors		S	S	S	
Powerpoint (2)		S	S	S	
Power Windows		S	S	S	
Radio - AM/FM Cassette		S	S	S	
Rear Window Defroster		S	S	S	
Remote Keyless Entry System		S	S	S	
SecuriLock Passive Anti-Theft System		S	S	S	
Speed Control		S	S	S	
Air Conditioning, Electronic TC			S	S	
Auto Headlamps			S	S	
Fog Lamps★			S	S	
Heated Mirrors			S	S	
Leather Wrapped Steering Wheels			S	S	
Perimeter Anti-Theft System			S	S	
Power Driver Seat			S	S	
Rear Center Armrest			S	S	
Remote Entry Keypad			S	S	
60/40 Split Fold Rear Seat Back			S	S	
Sunvisors, Driver and Passenger w/Illuminated Mirrors and Secondary Visors★			S	S	
Power Antenna				S	
Wagon Group				S	Includes rear facing seat and cargo cover.
AVAILABLE OPTION GROUPS					
GROUPS					
Audio Group★	53A	—	0	0	
MACH Audio System w/6 speakers 6-Disc CD Changer					
AVAILABLE OPTIONS					
POWERTRAINS					
3.0L Vulcan 2V 6-Cylinder/Auto O/D	99U/44L	S	—	—	Late availability on LS Sedan.
3.0L Duratec 4V 6-Cylinder/Auto O/D	99S/44L	—	S	S	
California Emission System	422	0	0	0	
High Altitude Principal use	428	0	0	0	
CFFP LEV Option	42F	0	—	—	Req. Fleet w/valid FIN.
SEATS					
Cloth Buckets (Dexter/Kent)/Woodgrain Trim ★ ...	H	S	S	0	N/A w/21J Power Passenger Seat.
Leather Buckets/Woodgrain Trim ★	J	—	S	S	
6-Pass. Seating w/Column Shift/Flip Fold Console	184	S	0	0	
5-Pass. Seating w/Floor Shift/Floor Console	186	0	S	S	
Power Driver Seat	21A	0	S	S	
Power Passenger Seat	21J	—	0	0	Requires Leather Buckets and 61B Side Impact Air Bags.
WHEELS					
Wheels, Locking Cover★	642	S	—	—	
Wheels, 7-Spoke Alloy Machined ★	64N	0	S	S	
Wheels, Chrometec ★	64W	—	0	0	
OTHER OPTIONS					
Adjustable Pedals, Power★	59C	0	S	S	Req. 21A Power Driver Seat.
Air Bags, Side Impact★	61B	0	0	0	
All-Speed Traction Control ★	553	—	0	0	Req. 552 Anti-Lock Braking System.
Anti-Lock Braking System (ABS)	552	0	0	0	
Commercial Fleet Credit	20F	0	0	0	Req. Fleet w/valid FIN.
Power Moonroof	13B	—	0	0	No charge option on LS California edition Sedan (must order B3C regional code).

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SERIES CODE

GS Sedan	GS Wagon
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BODY TYPE AND CODE	CODE	M50	M58	REMARKS/RESTRICTIONS
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MAJOR STANDARD EQUIPMENT

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Emergency Trunk Release★		S		
Remote Decklid Release		S		
Air Bags, Driver and Passenger Dual Stage★		S	S	
Air Conditioning, Manual		S	S	
Dual Beam Map/Dome Lamp		S	S	
Floor Mats		S	S	
Personal Safety System★		S	S	
Power Locks		S	S	
Power Mirrors		S	S	
Powerpoint (2)		S	S	
Power Windows		S	S	
Radio, AM/FM Cassette		S	S	
Rear Window Defroster		S	S	
Remote Keyless Entry System		S	S	
SecuriLock Passive Anti-Theft System		S	S	
Speed Control		S	S	
60/40 Split Fold Rear Seat Back			S	
Power Antenna			S	
Wagon Group			S	Includes Rear Facing Seat and Cargo Cover.

AVAILABLE OPTION GROUPS

GROUPS				
Fleet Group★	60F	0	—	Req. Fleet w/valid FIN.
Power Driver's Seat				
7-Spoke Alloy Machined Wheels				
POWERTRAINS				
3.0L Vulcan 2V 6-Cylinder Engine/Automatic Overdrive	99U/44L	S	S	
California Emission System	422	0	0	
High Altitude Principal Use	428	0	0	
CFFP LEV Option	42F	0	0	Req. Fleet w/valid FIN.
AUDIO				
AM/FM Stereo/Cassette w/4 Speakers	58H	S	S	
SEATS				
Cloth Buckets (Dexter/Kent)/Woodgrain Trim★	H	S	S	
6-Passenger Seating w/Column Shift and Flip-Fold Center Console	184	S	S	
5-Passenger Seating w/Floor Shift and Floor Console	186	0	—	
Power Driver's Seat	21A	0	0	
60/40 Split Fold Rear Seat Back	46S	0	S	Req. Fleet w/valid FIN.
WHEELS				
Wheels, Heavy Duty Steel w/Locking Cover★	64H	S	—	Req. Fleet w/valid FIN.
Wheels, 7-Spoke Alloy Machined★	64N	0	S	
OTHER OPTIONS				
Adjustable Pedals, Power★	59C	0	0	Req. 21A Power Driver's Seat.
Air Bags, Side Impact★	61B	0	0	
Anti-Locking Braking System (ABS)	552	0	0	
Commercial Fleet Credit	20F	0	0	Req. Fleet w/valid FIN.
Daytime Running Lights	942	0	0	Req. Fleet w/valid FIN.
Hands-Free Cellular Phone Docking Station★	51W	0	0	Req. 184 6-pass. seating and Fleet w/valid FIN.
Heated Mirrors★	54P	0	0	
Wagon Group Delete★	68R	—	0	Req. Fleet w/valid FIN.

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GROUP/MISCELLANEOUS OPTIONS

AUDIO GROUP (53A)

• **Includes features of AM/FM Stereo Cassette plus:**

- MACH audio group
- 80 watts
- Six premium speakers
- Vehicle-specific equalization
- External amplifier
- 6-Disc CD Changer

MISCELLANEOUS

Predelivery Only	361
Predelivery w/Undercoat	362
Local/State Ordinance Deviation	931
Priced DORA	C09

SPECIAL ORDERS

(FLEET ONLY. See Dealer Special Order Binder for ordering guidelines and restrictions.)

CALIFORNIA/NORTHEAST STATES**/CROSS-BORDER STATES***

CALIFORNIA EMISSIONS SYSTEM..... **422**

Required on units for California and Northeast States registration. Optional for Cross-Border States. NA with High Altitude Principle Use.

CALIFORNIA EMISSIONS SYSTEM NOT REQUIRED **423**

Control code for units either shipped to California or Northeast States dealers or ordered by California or Northeast States dealers for registration in non-California, non-Northeast States locations.

CALIFORNIA/NORTHEAST STATES PUBLIC SERVICE/EMERGENCY VEHICLE EXCEPTION **936**

Only available on units sold to authorized governmental units and privately-owned ambulance companies. Must also use Code 423 when ordering.

NON-CALIFORNIA/NON-NORTHEAST STATES/NON-CROSS-BORDER STATES DEALER ORDER FOR CALIFORNIA OR NORTHEAST STATES REGISTRATION **93N**

Required on all units ordered by dealers for California or Northeast States registration when the vehicle is being delivered to a non-California, non-Northeast, non-Cross-Border States location. Requires 422 California Emissions System. Vehicles must be registered in California or Northeast States.

**NORTHEAST STATES

Northeast States are Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, and Washington D.C.

***CROSS-BORDER STATES

Cross-Border States are Arizona, Kentucky, Maine, Nevada, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Tennessee and West Virginia.

VEHICLES DESTINED FOR HIGH ALTITUDE AREAS

HIGH ALTITUDE PRINCIPAL USE **428**

Control code required on all units sold for principal use in high altitude counties, as defined in EPA regulations, and listed in the Dealer Initial Ordering Guide. High altitude performance and/or emissions control equipment provided as required to comply with EPA regulations or general product vehicle performance acceptance standards. Also available on units for sale in high altitude fringe areas. NA with 422 California Emissions.

NON-HIGH ALTITUDE PRINCIPAL USE **429**

Control code on units shipped to high altitude areas or units ordered by high altitude area dealers for registration in a non-high altitude area.

**2000 SABLE
COLOR & TRIM**

INTERIOR TRIM TYPE AND COLOR SELECTOR NOTE: First letter denotes type, second letter denotes color.	CODE	INTERIOR TRIM COLORS		
		Medium Graphite	★ Medium Parchment	★ Dark Charcoal
GS Sedan (M50)				
Cloth Buckets (6-passenger/5-passenger)	184/186	H2	HH	
LS California Edition Premium Sedan (M55)				
Cloth Buckets (6-passenger/5-passenger)	184/186	H2	HH	
Leather Buckets (6-passenger/5-passenger)	184/186	J2	JH	JW
GS Wagon (M58)				
Cloth Buckets (6-passenger)	184	H2	HH	
LS California Edition Premium Wagon (M59)				
Cloth Buckets (6-passenger/5passenger)	184/186	H2	HH	
Leather Buckets (6-passenger/5-passenger)	184/186	J2	JH	
EXTERIOR COLOR		AVAILABILITY		
COLOR	CODE			
ALL MODELS				
★Harvest Gold Clearcoat Metallic	B2		•	•
★Chestnut Clearcoat Metallic	B4		•	
Toreador Red Clearcoat Metallic	FL	•	•	•
Graphite Blue Clearcoat Metallic	KX	•	•	
★Medium Royal Blue Clearcoat Metallic	LA	•	•	
Tropic Green Clearcoat Metallic	SU	•	•	•
Silver Frost Clearcoat Metallic	TS	•		•
Black Clearcoat	UA	•	•	•
Vibrant White Clearcoat	WT	•	•	•

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POWERTRAIN AVAILABILITY

			50 STATES	
ENGINE	TRANSAXLE	CODE		
ALL		AXLE TYPE	REGULAR	
		AXLE RATIO	3.77	3.98
3.0L Duratec 4V V6	— Automatic Overdrive	99S/44L	—	Std
3.0L Vulcan 2V V6	— Automatic Overdrive	99U/44L	Std	—

FUEL ECONOMY

			50 STATES			
			F.E. LABEL ADJUSTED		ESTIMATED ANNUAL FUEL COST	MEMO: UNADJUSTED COMBINED
MODEL	ENGINE DISPL.	TRANSAXLE	CITY	HIGHWAY		
SEDAN	3.0L Duratec 4V V6	Automatic Overdrive	TBD			
	3.0L Vulcan 2V V6	Automatic Overdrive	TBD			
WAGON	3.0L Duratec 4V V6	Automatic Overdrive	TBD			
	3.0L Vulcan 2V V6	Automatic Overdrive	TBD			

ENGINE HORSEPOWER AND TORQUE RATINGS

			NOMINAL COMPRESSION RATIO	50 STATES	
MODEL	ENGINE DISPL.	TRANSAXLE		HORSEPOWER H.P. @ RPM	TORQUE FT. LB. @ RPM
ALL	3.0L Duratec 4V V6	Automatic Overdrive	TBD	200@5650	200@4400
	3.0L Vulcan 2V V6	Automatic Overdrive	TBD	153@5000	182@4000