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Taurus SE Wagon in Tropic Green Clearcoat Metallic with optional Comfort Group.

Taurus SE Wagon



Taurus SE Wagon in Light Prairie Tan Clearcoat Metallic with optional 5-spoke aluminum wheels.

The last thing you want parked in your driveway is a minivan. Although it may be **practical**, you're not prepared to give up the driving experience only a car can deliver. Enter the Taurus SE Wagon. It will get you there in style and whisk up to eight people or hold **81.3 cubic feet of cargo**, the largest cargo space of any station wagon in its class. And we haven't begun to mention the sedan-like performance. With a **quadralink** independent rear suspension delivering precise wheel control through corners, you can savor the road ahead.



Taurus provides the cargo-handling versatility you've come to expect and the amenities you haven't. A rear wiper/washer, for example (standard on SE Wagon).



Open the liftgate window for loading small items. Or open the entire liftgate for easy loading and unloading of cargo and passengers. With optional rear-facing third seat, you can carry up to eight people.



Under the smooth, sculpted skin of the Taurus SE Wagon are 142.5 cubic feet of space for people and cargo. Cargo space is 38.4 cu. ft. (rear seat backs up) or 81.3 cu. ft. (seat backs down). There's also additional space in a hidden quarter panel storage compartment under the load floor for items you want to keep out of sight.

When Brandon made quarterback on the peewee travel team, his parents thought nothing of spending hours in the family wagon taking him to games against the best ten-year-olds in the state. But this Saturday, Brandon's team was playing for the championship. A 225-mile road trip and **the weather was not cooperating.** But since over 3 million people have relied on Taurus, the only thing Brandon had to worry about was trying to tell his team's uniforms from the other team's when everyone was covered in mud.



durability



Testing prototypes for squeak and rattle, the 4-Post Shaker simulates 150,000 miles of wear and tear. With temperatures dipping as low as -40° F and rising as high as 180° F, the simulator is nearly as unforgiving as a family of four.

Durability testing begins long before production. The Road

Simulator recreates driving conditions on prototypes for

150,000 simulated miles – an excellent indicator of the

sources of squeaks and rattles. The chassis dynamometer utilizes bump

strips which simulate how the chassis and suspension react to even the

most severe road conditions. To evaluate corrosion prevention, proto-

types are driven through hundreds of miles of mud and salt water. The

ultimate test cannot be simulated, however: Taurus has proven itself

over 100 billion real world miles. A worthy test indeed.



The 40 mph saltwater drive tests Taurus' ability to ward off corrosion.



The structurally rigid chassis combines with a MacPherson strut front suspension and advanced quadralink rear suspension system to deliver a smooth ride with responsive handling capability.



General P205/65 Rx15 tires promote capable all-season traction.



Speed-sensitive steering delivers more power assist for low-speed maneuvers, such as parking, and reduced power assist as speed increases for a firmer, more positive feel of the wheel.

safety & durability

Today, automotive design must satisfy many more demands than it did even just a few years ago.

Styling is important, of course, but considerations like safety and durability continue to grow in importance as customers weigh their purchase decisions ever more carefully. Like all Ford vehicles, Taurus has been designed to protect its occupants and to provide years of dependable service to its owners.





Taurus SE 5-passenger interior with optional Comfort Group and leather seating surfaces in Medium Prairie Tan.

Interior



Taurus SE 6-passenger cloth interior in Medium Graphite.

A substantial part of your life is spent in transit. To that end,

Taurus has created a distinctive, spacious driving environment.

The **integrated control panel** is ergonomically efficient

and pleasing to the eye – a design coup. Aerodynamic shape, precise

fit of glass to sheet metal and **sound insulation** offer a

respite from the world of chaos. However, there are those

who seek to enhance the sound of their “inner” world. An available

premium 6-speaker **MACH® Audio System** surrounds the

listener in lush, responsive sound.



Taurus offers a great selection of stereo entertainment systems, including the MACH Audio System and a trunk-mounted 6-disc compact disc changer.



Advanced ergonomic design makes the Taurus driving experience quite efficient and comfortable. The integrated control panel combines climate and audio controls into one user-friendly unit.



The particulate air filtration system keeps out over 90% of pollen and dust particles larger than three microns. Available as a dealer-installed option.



5-passenger seating with storage console is standard in both LX and SE.



The 6-passenger Taurus LX and SE feature an available 3-way flip-fold center console, a patented design. (Pictured with console flipped open, armrest down.)



Convenient 60/40 split/fold rear seat (standard in SE and SHO) offers more space for work and leisure pursuits.

Paint Colors



Light Prairie Tan
Clearcoat Metallic



Toreador Red
Clearcoat Metallic



Tropic Green
Clearcoat Metallic



Dark Green Satin
Clearcoat Metallic



Graphite Blue
Clearcoat Metallic



Deep Navy Blue
Clearcoat Metallic



Silver Frost
Clearcoat Metallic



Black Clearcoat



Vibrant White
Clearcoat

EXTERIOR PAINT	INTERIOR TRIM		
	Medium Prairie Tan	Medium Graphite	Dark Denim Blue†
Taurus SE, LX			
Light Prairie Tan Clearcoat Metallic		•	
Toreador Red Clearcoat Metallic	•	•	
Tropic Green Clearcoat Metallic	•	•	
Dark Green Satin Clearcoat Metallic	•	•	
Graphite Blue Clearcoat Metallic	•		•
Deep Navy Blue Clearcoat Metallic	•	•	•
Silver Frost Clearcoat Metallic	•		•
Black Clearcoat	•	•	
Vibrant White Clearcoat	•	•	•
Taurus SHO			
Toreador Red Clearcoat Metallic	•	•	
Tropic Green Clearcoat Metallic	•	•	
Silver Frost Clearcoat Metallic	•		
Black Clearcoat	•	•	
Vibrant White Clearcoat	•	•	

†Not available on Wagons



- A** Deluxe wheel cover, standard on LX and SE
B 5-spoke aluminum wheel, standard on SE Sport and SE Sport/Comfort Groups, available on LX and SE base
C 12-spoke bright cast aluminum wheel, standard on SE Comfort Group
D 12-spoke chrome aluminum wheel, available on SE Comfort Group
E 16" aluminum wheel, standard on SHO, available on SE Sport and SE Sport/Comfort Groups

Standard Equipment Groups

LX Sedan

Notable Taurus LX Standard Features:

- 3.0-liter V6 with electronic 4-speed automatic overdrive transmission
- 5-passenger seating with storage console/column shift or 6-passenger seating with 3-way flip-fold center console/column shift
- Dual front airbags
- Air conditioning
- Power windows
- AM/FM stereo
- Deluxe wheel covers
- Tilt steering column
- Variable-timed interval wipers
- Solar tinted glass all around
- Dual electric remote mirrors
- Remote decklid release

SE Sedan and Wagon

Notable Taurus SE Standard Features:

Taurus LX features plus:

- Power door locks
- Speed control
- Power antenna (only on Wagons)
- Remote Keyless Entry
- AM/FM stereo/cassette
- Split-fold rear seat
- 6-passenger seating with 3-way flip-fold center console/column shift or 5-passenger seating with storage console/column shift

SHO Sedan

Notable Taurus SHO Standard Features:

- 3.4-liter, 32-valve, dual overhead cam V6
- Sport handling suspension
- High-precision ZF rack-and-pinion steering
- 4-wheel disc anti-lock brake system
- P225/55 ZR16 low-profile performance tires
- Chrome five-spoke aluminum wheels
- Rear decklid spoiler
- Sport bucket seats with leather seating surfaces
- MACH® Audio System with six speakers
- Electronic temperature control air conditioning
- Remote Keyless Entry with keypad perimeter anti-theft
- Speed control
- Power moonroof
- 6-disc radio-controlled CD changer
- Front/rear floor mats

Optional Equipment Groups

Taurus SE Comfort Group:

- 3.0-liter, 24-valve Duratec V6
- 6-way power driver seat with power lumbar support
- Bright cast aluminum wheels
- Electronic temperature control air conditioning
- Leather-wrapped steering wheel
- Auto on/off headlamps
- Remote Keyless Entry with keypad and perimeter anti-theft
- Light Group
- Illuminated visor mirrors
- Grab handles
- 5-passenger seating with console/floor shift

Taurus SE Sport Group:

- 3.0-liter, 24-valve Duratec V6
- Rear decklid spoiler
- 5-spoke aluminum wheels
- 5-passenger seating with console/floor shift

Taurus SE Sport/Comfort Group:

Taurus SE Sport and Comfort Groups' features plus:

- 5-spoke aluminum wheels

Exterior Features	LX*	SE	SHO
Multi-reflector halogen headlamps	S	S	S
Dual electric remote-control mirrors	S	S	S
Solar tinted glass - complete	S	S	S
Full perimeter dual door seals with third seal on door frame	S	S	S
Front and rear splash shields	S	S	S
Bodyside protection moldings	S	S	S
Clearcoat paint	S	S	S
Luggage rack (Wagons)	-	S	-
Flip-up liftgate window with gas cylinders (Wagons)	-	S	-
Rear decklid spoiler (available in Sport Group for SE)	-	0	S

Safety and Security

Second Generation Depowered driver and right front passenger airbag supplemental restraint system	S	S	S
Manual lap/shoulder safety belts for outboard occupants and also center rear passenger (sedan) - height-adjustable for outboard front positions	S	S	S
4-wheel anti-lock brake system	0	0	S
Variable-timed interval windshield wipers	S	S	-
Aerodynamic autobahn windshield wipers - variable speed	-	-	S
Childproof rear door locks	S	S	S
SecuriLock anti-theft system (non-drive-away)	0*	0*	S
Remote Keyless Entry system	0	S	S
Remote Keyless Entry with keypad and perimeter anti-theft	-	0	S
Rear wiper/washer (Wagons)	-	S	-

Comfort and Convenience

Manual air conditioning - CFC-free	S	S	-
Air conditioning with electronic temperature control	-	0	S
Power side windows with illuminated controls, lockout switch, express-down feature for the driver, and accessory delay	S	S	S
Power locks with illuminated controls. Lock disabling prevents locking keys inside	0	S	S
Cupholders, coin holder and cassette storage in console	S	S	S
Floor mats	0	0	S
Glove box	S	S	S
Integrated control panel with controls for clock, climate, rear window defroster and radio	S	S	S
Warning lights for airbags, door ajar, battery, oil pressure, brake, service engine soon, low fuel and safety belt reminder	S	S	S
Retractable front and rear grab handles with integral rear coat hooks	-	0	S
Automatic on/off/delay headlamps	-	0	S
Tachometer, 1-million-mile odometer, trip odometer, low brake fluid alert, electric speedometer, temperature and fuel gauges	S	S	S
Light Group: dual beam reading and dome lights	0	0	S
Wagon Group: cargo area cover, cargo net	-	0	-
Speed control	0	S	S
Power moonroof	-	0	S
Tilt steering column	S	S	S
Leather-wrapped steering wheel	-	0	S
Rear window defroster/defogger	S	S	S
Remote decklid release (sedan)	S	S	S
Hidden, right-quarter panel and under-load-floor storage compartments (Wagon)	-	S	-

Comfort and Convenience Cont.	LX*	SE	SHO
Rear seat heat ducts	S	S	S
Rear seat air conditioning outlet with floor shift only	-	0	S
Battery saver (turns off interior lights after 45 minutes)	S	S	S
Electronic digital clock with dimming feature	S	S	S
Visor mirrors	S	S	-
Dual illuminated visor mirrors	-	0	S
Heated outside rearview mirrors	0	0	S

Seating

Cloth bucket seats with center seating, dual recliners, 2-way head restraints and 3-way flip-fold center console/column shift (6-passenger seating)	0	0	-
Cloth bucket seats with dual recliners, 2-way head restraints, floor console, floor shift (5-passenger seating)	-	0	-
Sport buckets with leather seating surfaces, 2-way head restraints, floor console, floor shift (5-passenger seating)	-	-	S
Cloth bucket seats with dual recliners, 2-way head restraints, storage console, column shift (5-passenger seating)	S	S	-
Bucket seats with leather seating surfaces, 2-way head restraints, with either flip-fold console and column shift (6-passenger seating) or floor console with floor shift (5-passenger seating)	-	0	-
6-way power driver seat with power lumbar	-	0	S
6-way power driver/passenger seats with driver's seat power lumbar (available with Comfort Group only)	-	0	-
60/40 split fold-down rear seat back	-	S	S
Fixed rear seat back	S	-	-
Rear-facing third seat (Wagon)	-	0	-

S = Standard 0 = Optional

*Sedans only (1) Requires Duratec engine

Wheels and Tires

Deluxe wheel covers with P205/65 R15 92T BSW tires	S	S	-
16" aluminum wheels with P225/55 ZR16 92T BSW tires	-	0	S
5-spoke aluminum wheels with P205/65 R15 92T BSW tires (standard in SE Sport Group and SE Sport/Comfort Group)	0	0	-
12-spoke bright cast aluminum wheels with P205/65 R15 92T BSW tires (standard on SE Comfort Group)	-	0	-
12-spoke chrome aluminum wheels with P205/65 R15 92T BSW tires (only available on SE Comfort Group)	-	0	-

Audio Systems

AM/FM stereo with four speakers	S	-	-
AM/FM stereo/cassette with four speakers	0	S	-
MACH® Audio System with AM/FM stereo/cassette and 80 watts with six speakers	-	0	S
6-disc CD changer (trunk-mounted)	-	0	S

Powertrains

Taurus LX and SE (standard)			
Type	12-valve, OHV V6		
Displacement	3.0 liters		
Engine control	EEC-V		
Scheduled tune-up interval	100,000 miles		
Horsepower (SAE net)	145 @ 5,750 rpm		
Torque (SAE net lb.-ft.)	170 @ 3,250 rpm		
Fuel system	Sequential electronic fuel injection		
Transaxle	Electronic 4-speed automatic overdrive		

Powertrains Cont.

Taurus LX and SE (optional)	
Type	24-valve, Duratec DOHC V6
Displacement	3.0 liters
Engine control	EEC-V
Scheduled tune-up interval	100,000 miles
Horsepower (SAE net)	200 @ 5,750 rpm
Torque (SAE net lb.-ft.)	200 @ 4,500 rpm
Fuel system	Sequential electronic fuel injection
Transaxle	Electronic 4-speed automatic overdrive with overdrive lockout

Taurus SHO

Type	32-valve, dual overhead cam V8
Displacement	3.4 liters
Engine control	EEC-V, integrated electronic coil-on-plug ignition
Scheduled tune-up interval	100,000 miles
Horsepower (SAE net)	235 @ 6,100 rpm
Torque (SAE net lb.-ft.)	230 @ 4,800 rpm
Fuel system	Sequential electronic fuel injection
Transaxle	Electronic 4-speed automatic overdrive with overdrive lockout

Body/Chassis

Body type	Unitized
Front suspension	Independent strut-type with gas-pressurized hydraulic struts and stabilizer bar (unique handling components with SHO)
Rear suspension (sedan)	Independent rear quadralink with gas-pressurized hydraulic struts (SE Sport and SHO only) (unique handling components with SHO)
Rear suspension (wagon)	Independent "short/long arm" (SLA) type with gas-pressurized hydraulic shocks, progressive rate springs and stabilizer bar
Steering	Speed-sensitive power rack-and-pinion; High-precision ZF power rack-and-pinion (SHO)
Brakes	Power front disc/rear drum (standard on LX, SE sedan); Power 4-wheel disc (Std. on SE Wagon) Anti-lock brake system (optional on LX, SE, standard on SHO)
Stabilizer bar	Available on SE Sport and SHO
Tires	P205/65 R1592T BSW (LX, SE); P225/55 ZR16 all-season, low-profile performance (SHO)
Fuel capacity	16 gallons

Dimensions

	LX/SE Sedan	SHO Sedan	SE Wagon
Wheelbase	108.5"	108.5"	108.5"
Length	197.5"	198.4"	199.6"
Height	55.1"	55.8"	57.6"
Width	73.0"	73.0"	73.0"
Front tread	61.6"	61.6"	61.6"
Rear tread	61.4"	61.4"	61.8"
Trunk/cargo volume (cu. ft.)	15.8	15.8	81.3*
Passenger capacity	5/6	5	5/6

*Rear seat backs down; 38.4 cu. ft. rear seat backs up.

Competitive comparisons based on published 1998 competitive data.

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