Their friends thought they were crazy, their kids thought they were going through some parental syndrome.

For Ben and Lisa, “on the road” had always been some zany idea for a younger generation. But as their 20th anniversary approached, they decided that catch phrase and their Taurus were perfect for the long trip to Roswell, New Mexico. They wanted to check for signs of alien life. Ben and Lisa knew the truth was out there, and they were just the people to uncover those mysteries.
No single attribute can fully explain the enduring popularity of Taurus. Sleek shape brings to mind the coupe you owned a few years back, when looks were paramount. Nimble, road-going performance seduces all five senses. Four doors escape your gaze, so you re-count to be sure you aren't seeing double. Indeed, five passengers can come along for the ride. It's up to you.
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 SE Wagon

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 extra 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, insulated skin of the Taurus SE Wagon are 142.5 cubic feet of space for people and cargo. Cargo space is 38.6 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.
Taurus SE Sport and SHO Sedans

Underneath seamless, aerodynamic sheet metal, Taurus has cultivated a performance reputation. Begin with the limber 200-hp, 3.0-liter Duratec V6. With four valves per cylinder at your service, the SE Sport more than earns its badge. Add a healthy dose of hardware to the engine bay and you will detect the inspired dual exhaust notes of the 235-hp, 3.4-liter Taurus SHO. Duratec and SHO engines that reflect Ford’s Motorsports heritage.

Taurus SE with Sport Group includes 210-horsepower Duratec V6, unique decklid spoiler, 5-spoke aluminum wheels and 5-passenger seating with floor shift.

The potent 235-hp, 24-valve, DOHC 3.4-liter Duratec V6.

The success of the 1998 NASCAR Taurus on the Winston Cup Circuit lends credence to Ford’s Motorsports heritage.
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.
Safety should be something you can take for granted. Unfortunately, it's not. That's why Taurus takes such strides for safety: safety cell structural design. Second Generation Depowered airbags,* designed to further enhance protection for the driver and front passenger; available Securilock™ an ingenious anti-theft system that "interrogates" your key, helping to keep would-be thieves at bay; and finally, optional 4-wheel ABS**, the brake system that helps the driver stay in control during adverse road conditions.

A high level of safety and durability has been achieved by means of a safety cell structural design.

Available Remote Keyless Entry system lets you lock and unlock your car from a distance, providing added security and peace of mind.

Front outboard shoulder belts have D-ring height adjusters to satisfy comfort for short and tall people alike.

Floor seat center shoulder belt secures the passenger in the event of frontal impacts.

When activated, standard "childproof" rear door locks prevent doors from being opened from inside the vehicle.

The anti-lock brake system (available on LX and SE and standard on SHO) provides straighter stops with greater steering control under most driving conditions, even on wet or slippery surfaces.

*Always wear your safety belt and secure children in the rear seat.
**Standard on SHO, optional on LX and SE.
Durability

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, prototypes 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 submerger drive tests Taurus' ability to ward off damage.

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

General 195/65R15 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.
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.
The champion had autographed Kevin’s T-shirt, not long after he roared to victory in his #88 NASCAR Taurus. Why he was picked out of the crowd for such special treatment he’ll never know, but Kevin couldn’t remember ever being so excited. Behind the wheel of the family Taurus, even Dad showed signs of race fever when he announced, “What’d you say on the drive home we pit for ice cream?”
### Exterior Features

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### Safety and Security

- Second generation driver restrained airbag and side airbags
- Passenger seat belt warning system
- Automatic climate control
- Power outlet
- Rearview camera
- Lane departure warning
- Forward collision warning
- Wireless charging
- Parking sensors
- Anti-theft system

### Seating

- Cloth bucket seats with driver memory, dual recliners, and power lumbar support
- Leather bucket seats with driver memory, dual recliners, and power lumbar support
- Power seat(s)
- Heated seat(s)
- Memory seats
- Leather steering wheel
- Heated steering wheel
- Remote keyless entry

### Wheels and Tires

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### Audio Systems

- AM/FM stereo with 6 speakers
- AM/FM stereo with 8 speakers
- SiriusXM Satellite Radio
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- Bluetooth hands-free

### Powertrains Cont.

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### Dimensions

- Length: 193.3 in
- Width: 79.0 in
- Height: 57.1 in
- Towing capacity: 5,000 lb