Ford

## WHOLE VEHICLE TYPE APPROVAL



# THE EUROPEAN FORD TAURUS



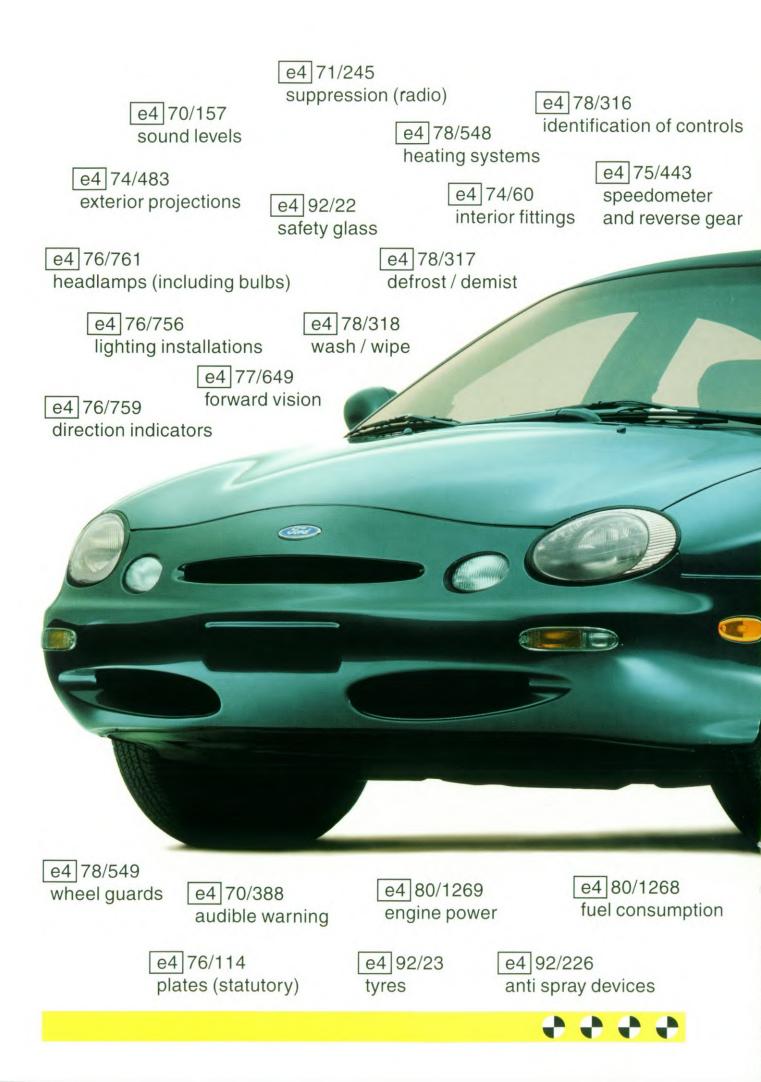


The ancestry of Henry Ford leads back to Europe. One could therefore assume that Ford automobiles are welcomed as familiar design. Reality is rather different. The first hundred years of automobile production have brought about closely similar- but not yet uniform regulations. European governments have issued some fifty different directives for the purpose of

vehicle type-approval. Automobile manufacturers must first demonstrate conformity with the European Union regulations for every new model. Subsequently they must guarantee conformity of production.









#### TYPE DEVELOPMENT

Hessing De Bilt serves as a consultant for type development long before production begins. Its expertise of the European regulations and experience in dealing with governmental agencies is unsurpassed.

#### TYPE APPROVAL

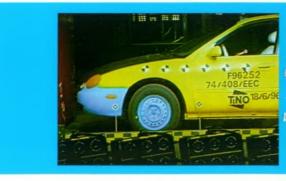
The same engineers who help develop a new model for European markets are also best equipped to guide it through the intricate process of type approval.





#### CUSTOM PARTS

Sometimes type approval is dependent upon the design and manufacture of custom-built parts. Hessing De Bilt acts as coordinator of outsourcing.









#### CONVERSION

The incorporation of regulation-driven changes in the original product are not always practical or even possible. In those instances Hessing De Bilt undertakes the necessary conversion work.





#### FLEXIBLE WORKFORCE

The Netherlands is the gateway to Europe in more respects than just geographically. Hessing De Bilt unifies diverse specialist skills into one perfectly integrated and amazingly flexible workforce.



RDW

RDW Vehicle technology and information centre concentrates on vehicle testing and approval. Safety on public roads is the key standard as well as the history of RDW as a former governmental test institute.



TNO Road Vehicles Research Institute is one of Europe's leading independent research and development organisations. The background of TNO is mainly scientific.









KEMA Energy, Environment & Quality is an internationally renowned consultancy and engineering centre with strong roots in The Netherlands. KEMA is a specialist in test and approval procedures for electrical and electronic systems and components. Hessing De Bilt is formally recognized by the European authorities as manufacturer. This position is needed in order to control conformity of production (COP). Under scrutiny of the ISO 9002 standard, Hessing De Bilt may issue certificates of conformity (COC) for the converted Ford Taurus all over Europe.

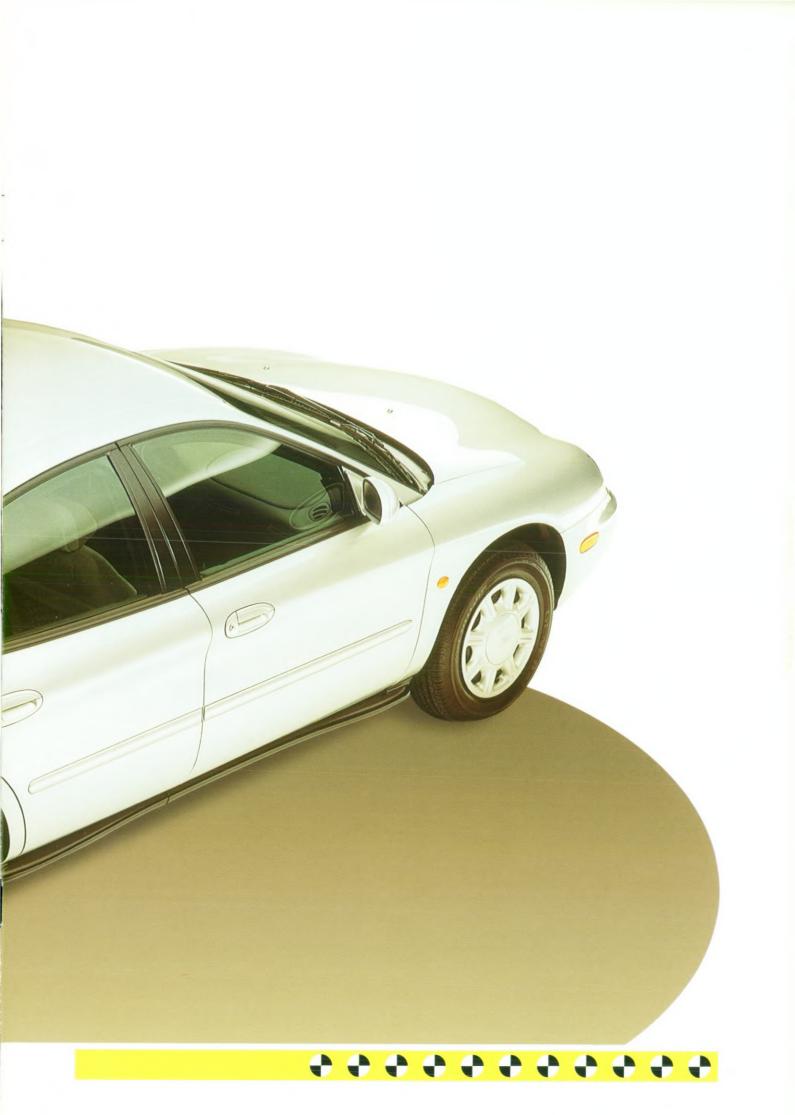




The European Ford Taurus is true to the original in every detail, even when it is unavoidable to alter the design. Take a look at the rear license plate holder for instance. It cleverly incorporates a fog lamp. Subtle but effective solutions are the hallmark of Hessing De Bilt.

### SUBTLE BUT EFFECTIVE







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