



AEROSTAR

TAXICAB

**MEANS...Operator Efficiency and Low Operating Cost
...Passenger Comfort and Convenience**



THE AEROSTAR Taxicab

The Ford Aerostar is made to order for taxicab duty under today's conditions...crowded traffic on downtown streets...airport transportation...and awkward loading and parking situations. Aerostar offers a unique combination of interior roominess, short overall length, economy of operation, and serviceability.

Aerostar is available for taxi use factory equipped with a taxi/limo package as a limited production option (LPO). Aerostar vans are also offered as taxi conversions by independent converters. Specifications in this brochure are those of the Aerostar wagon, using the taxi/limo package. (Specifications of Aerostar conversions will vary; they are available from the van converters.)

Passenger Comfort

Aerostar can seat up to seven passengers without crowding, with plenty of head and leg room. And Aerostar provides easy entry and exit, especially appreciated by women passengers. Four corner coil spring suspension, 118.9 inch wheelbase, and low-pressure gas shock absorbers provide a smooth, more comfortable ride.

Luggage Space

With the 5-seat configuration, extra large luggage space is provided at the rear for airport duty. In this configuration, the rear luggage compartment mea-

sures over 50 inches from rear seat base to tailgate. Height is over 44 inches; width between wheelhouses is nearly 47 inches. The liftgate makes it easy to stow and unload luggage; the load floor height is only 23.5 inches empty, 20 inches with full load.

Power and Economy

The Aerostar taxi is powered by Ford's 3.0 liter electronic fuel injected V-6, with automatic overdrive transmission. This combination provides the power and ease of driving along with good fuel economy.* The Aerostar was designed and engineered as a people/cargo carrier, with a ruggedness of component parts that enable it to work hard with low cost of operation.

The automatic overdrive transmission improves fuel economy by eliminating torque converter slippage and cutting engine RPM by about 25% in fourth gear and the upper range of third gear.

Versatility

The Aerostar taxi/limo package includes a 7-position seating configuration: Driver and passenger bucket seats in the first row; two-person bench seat in the second row; and three-person bench seat in the third row.

To provide extra luggage space, however, the second-row two-person seat is easily removed and the three-

person rear seat put in its place. This conversion can be made easily in a matter of minutes—and just as easily returned to the 7-person configuration. The Aerostar taxi may also be ordered with the front passenger bucket seat deleted.

Maneuverability

If there's one thing a cab driver needs, it's maneuverability, and Aerostar has it. Its overall length is only 175 inches, making it easy to get into small parking spaces and work its way through heavy traffic. Power rack-and-pinion steering and power brakes (front disc, rear drum) are standard—adding to ease of maneuvering and reducing driving effort.

Rear-Wheel Drive

Rear-wheel drive is an advantage in taxicab service, because the load is over the driving wheels.

Serviceability

"Outfront" engine design provides convenient access to the air filter, battery, engine coolant, oil and transmission fluid check and fill, brake master cylinder, power steering reservoir, and windshield washer reservoir. Fluid check and fill locations are labeled and color-keyed for fast, easy identification. For ease of monitoring, the instrument cluster includes gauges for coolant temperature, fuel and oil pressure, and a voltmeter.

AEROSTAR Wagon

Condensed Features and Specifications

MAJOR STANDARD FEATURES

EXTERIOR

Bumpers, color-coordinated plastic front and rear
Glass, tinted
Grille, light argent
Mirrors, black Aero fold-away R.H./L.H. (R.H. mirror incl. convex glass)
Moldings, black flush plastic rear window and windshield
Spoiler, black plastic front aero
Wheel trim, deluxe, w/trim rings
Windows, sliding R.H./L.H. bodyside

INTERIOR

Coat hooks, three color-keyed plastic
Convenience Group (Incl. courtesy lamp switches, cargo lamp, and instrument panel, vanity panel and locking glove box)
Door, side sliding
Door trim panels, color-keyed front full wrapover expanded vinyl covered wood fiber
Engine cover, carpeted
Floor covering
Carpet, full-length color-keyed 16 oz.
Scuff plates, color-keyed plastic
Step well pad, black rubber
Fuel fill release, inside
Gauge Package
Headliner/Trim panels
Headliner, color-keyed full length cloth covered molded
Bodyside and side door trim panels, color-keyed expanded vinyl covered wood fiber
Liftgate trim panel, color-keyed plastic lower/upper
Instrument panel, color-keyed with black plastic appliques

Lamp, front dome
Lamp, step well
Lighter, cigarette, front/rear
Mirror, inside rearview 10" day/night
Radio, Electronic AM w/digital clock & dual speakers
Seats
Two front fixed back low-back color-keyed vinyl bucket
Safety belts, color-keyed, w/comfort regulator feature on shoulder belts
One 3-passenger fixed back color-keyed vinyl bench
Spare tire, underbody space saver
Steering wheel, "A" frame, color-keyed soft vinyl w/center horn pad
Sun visors, color-keyed cloth covered w/sunglass straps and vanity mirrors
Storage bins, three bodyside trim w/fishnet covers
Warning chime

FUNCTIONAL EQUIPMENT

Engine	3.0L EFI V6
Transmission	5-Speed Manual OD
Axle, Front	2540 lb.
Axle, Rear	2790 lb.
Brakes	Power
Electrical	
Alternator	40 Amp.
Battery—Maintenance Free	45 AH
Fuel Tank	17.0 Gal. (64.0L)
Shock Absorbers	Gas
Springs—Combined Rating @ Ground	
Front	2200 lb.
Rear	2630 lb.
Steering	Power
Tires	(4) P205/75Rx14SL BSW All-Season w/Underbody Limited Service Spare
Wheels	(4) 5.5JJ 5-Hole

MAJOR OPTIONS

Air conditioning—dash mounted
Air conditioning—high capacity and auxil. heater
Automatic transmission with overdrive
Axle, rear—limited slip
Battery, heavy duty—71 amp-hr, 535 CCA
Cooling, supercool radiator
Defroster, heated rear and washer/wiper
Emissions system, California
Glass, Privacy™
Heater, engine block—400 watts
High altitude principal use
Instrument cluster, electronic
Mirrors, outside—black swing away
Molding, bodyside protection
Radio—selection of system
Radio credit option
Roof rack
Seating—7 passenger
Seating—front bucket passenger deleted
Spare tire, conventional
Spare tire, underbody space saver—deleted
Speed control/tilt steering wheel
Taxi/Limo Package (see below)
Wipers, interval

Aerostar Taxi/Limo Package

Air conditioning—dash-mounted
Alternator—60 amp, 900 watt
Automatic transmission—4-speed with overdrive
Battery, heavy duty—71 amp-hr, 535 CCA
Cooling—supercool radiator
Floor mat—full-length black vinyl (replaces carpet)
Oil cooler—external auxil. transmission
Reading lamp, front
Seating—7 passenger
Suspension package—heavy duty
Trim, interior—medium gray vinyl

*With 3.0 L V-6 engine and automatic transmission: 22 mpg hwy., 17 mpg city. Actual mileage will vary with maintenance, options, driving conditions, and driving habits.

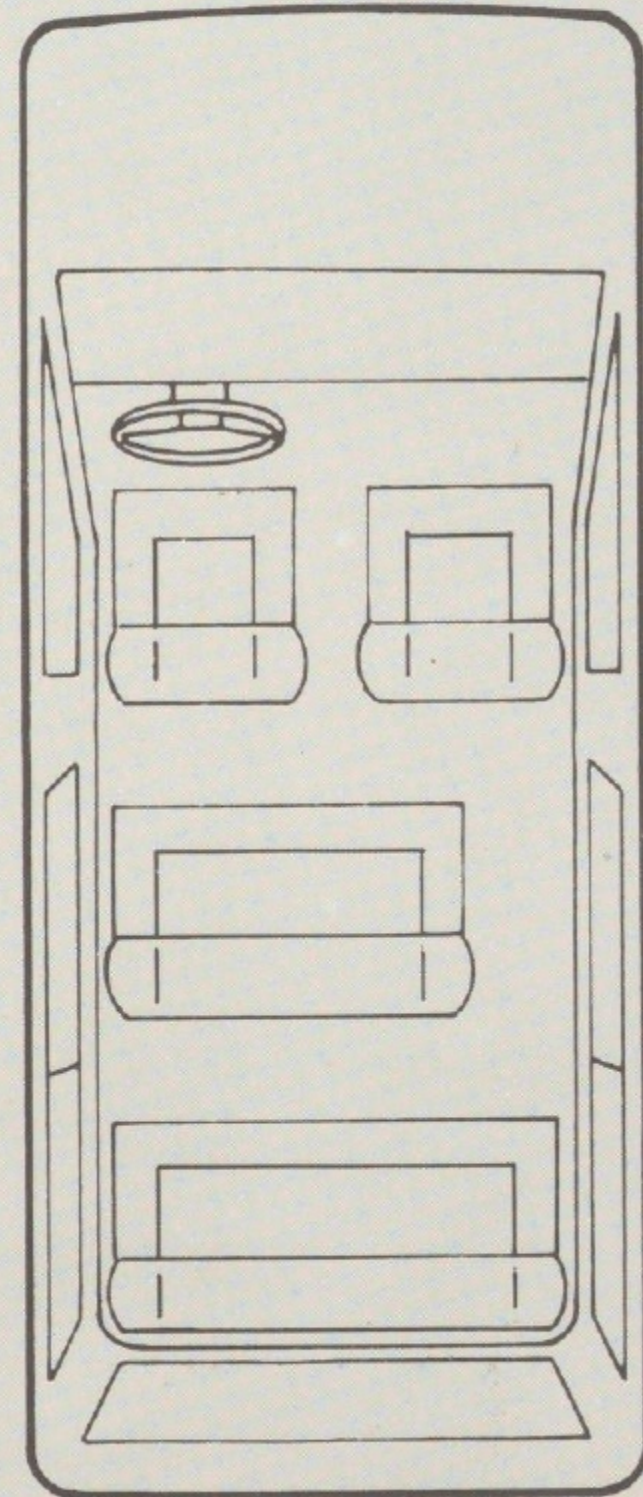
AEROSTAR with Taxi/Limo Package

Taxi Package 7-Person Seating

- Two front buckets (passenger side may be deleted)
 - Removable 2-passenger bench seat
 - Removable 3-passenger bench seat
- (2- and 3-passenger rear seats are interchangeable)

Aerostar Taxi/Limo Package Contents

Contents of the Aerostar Taxi/Limo package are on page 3.



AEROSTAR Taxicab Conversions

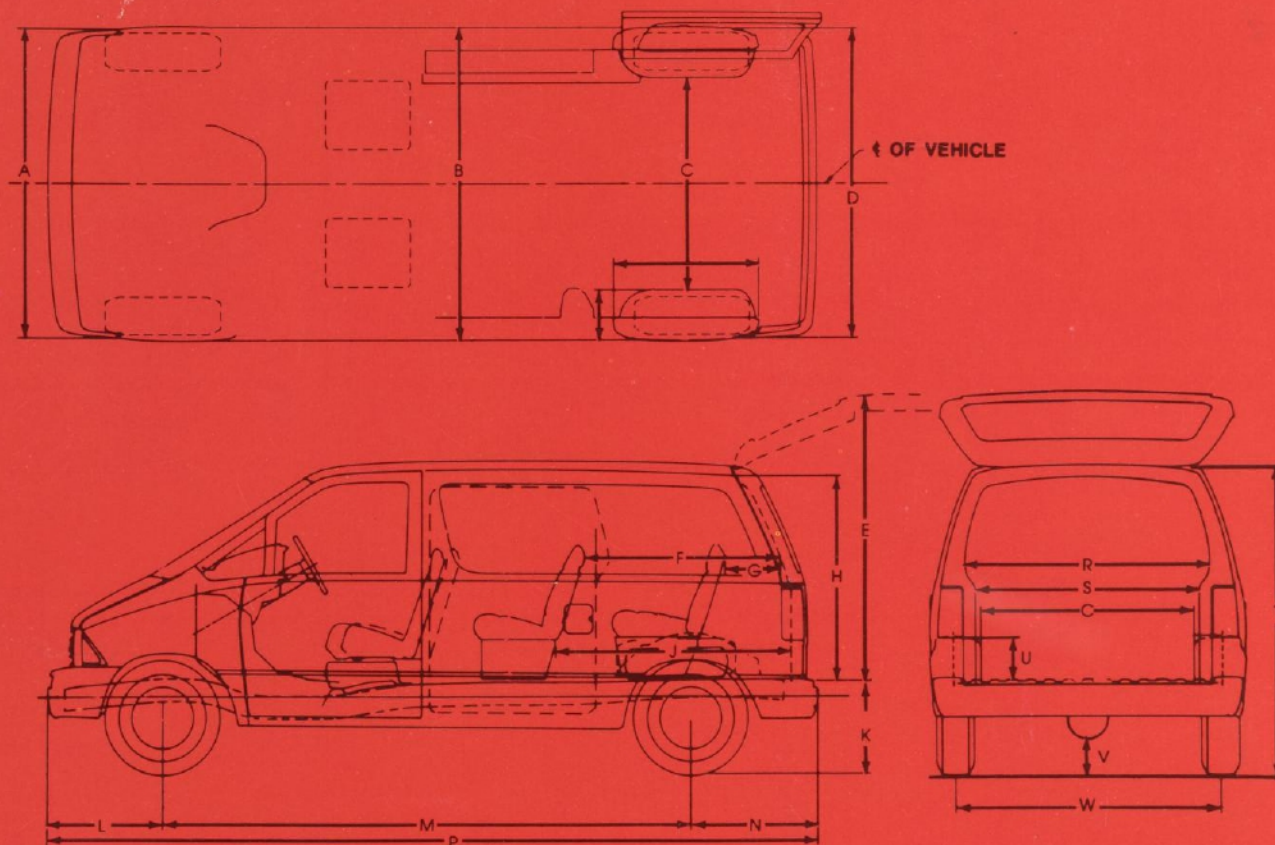
Van converters are offering Aerostar conversions adapted to taxicab duty. An RV van prep package is offered for these conversions. Typical conversion features include a left-side passenger door and a partition separating the passenger compartment from the luggage compartment, commonly required by municipal codes.

Information sheets from Aerostar converters are enclosed in this brochure. We suggest you contact them for additional information.

AEROSTAR Wagon Dimensions

Body dimensions

Dimension	Description	Inches
A	Front Bumper Width	70.1
B	Max. Width at Rear Wheel lip	71.7
C	Width Between Wheelhouses	46.9
D	Rear Bumper Width	70.6
E	Top of Floor to Open Liftgate	58.7
F	Cargo Length (5-Passenger @ Beltline)	41.3
G	Cargo Length (7-Passenger @ Beltline)	12.3
H	Rear Opening Height	44.4
J	Cargo Length (5-Passenger @ Seatbase)	50.5
K	Load Height (Empty) (Loaded)	23.5 19.9
L	Front Overhang	27.1
M	Wheelbase	118.9
N	Rear Overhang	28.9
P	Overall Length	174.9
R	Maximum Liftgate Width	55.6
S	Cargo Opening Width at Floor	50.6
T	Cab Height (Empty) (Loaded)	72.6 69.0
U	Wheelhouse Height	8.8
V	Axle Clearance (Loaded)	6.3
W	Tread Width (Front) (Rear)	61.5 60.0



Aerostar wagons pictured may contain options available at extra cost, either separately or as part of Preferred Equipment Packages. See your Ford dealer for details. Aerostar van conversions are performed by establishments not connected to Ford Motor Company. Availability, price, quality, safety, durability, and conformance of these modified vehicles to Federal, State, and local laws and regulations rest solely with the respective manufacturers and Ford assumes no responsibility for their use.



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Air Surrey offers two Dispatcher models: the DC (deluxe cab) featuring raised roof, for extra roominess; a selection of floor plans and interiors ranging from durable to extra plush; and, an optional wheelchair package. The rugged FL (fleet model) was built to accommodate standard taxi usage. Both models have four hinged doors, built-in steps for ease of entry and exit, extra leg room and spacious luggage area. Optional floor plans include front bucket or bench seating; two-person, folding jump seat (fixed or removable); rear bench sliding

tracks, allowing for flexibility in the distribution of space between passenger and luggage; and, moveable rear luggage barrier.

The Air Surrey Dispatcher units are economical, as well as flexible – combining big car comfort with small car operating economy.

Air Surrey, Inc. offers a wide variety of vehicle conversions for commercial, industrial and personal transportation. Whether your plans call for mini van or mini bus, wheelchair capable or not, three or four door, Air Surrey will meet your needs. For further information, please write or call: 1-800-255-3535 or (309) 923-2011 today.

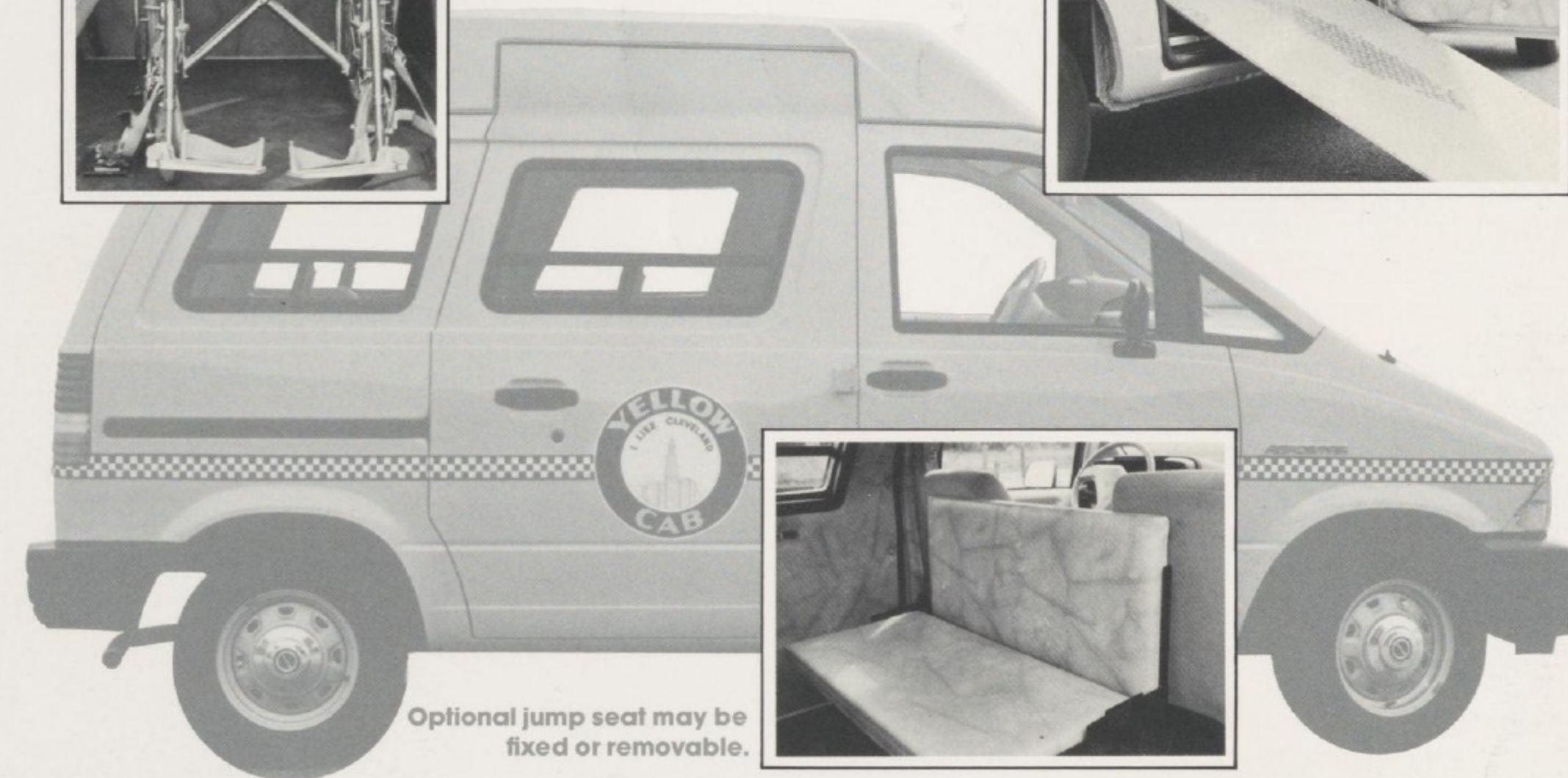
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allow the Dispatcher DC to be used as both a paratransit vehicle and a standard taxicab. Optional jump seat and skyview window add to the flexibility of the vehicle.

Dispatcher DC Specifications

Length: 174.9"

Width: 71.8"

Height: 83.5"

Width Between Wheelhousings: 48.4"

Max. Payload: 2040 lbs.

Engine: 2.3 liter 4 cylinder
3.0 liter 6 cylinder
2.3 liter Diesel

Wheelbase: 119"

Step to ground: 19"

Interior Height: 54-60" (optional)



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