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## How To Use This Guide

#### A SMART WAY TO LEARN

This guide is designed to make finding information easy. Here are some new features to help you quickly locate facts about the new Mercury Tracer:

At the top of most pages is a 1997 Tracer small "topic map" showing you the topics covered on that page. You can use this map as a handy search index as you thumb through the book.

#### **Pointers**

At times throughout the text, you'll see a symbol like this,

• Pointers like this direct you to sources of additional information on a specific topic. The referenced source is described at the bottom of the page.

#### Icons

An icon is used next to the feature to identify a key buyer motivation. The icons are pictured on the foldout tab. In addition, those items that are new to Tracer for 1997 feature a star burst above the icon.

#### Resource Icons

These icons alert you that additional information about the specified feature can be found in the referenced resource. See "Key Mercury Tracer Dates" on page 3 for a list of when these resources will be available to you.

Icons



Safety/Security



Performance/Handling



Comfort/Convenience



Quality/Reliability/ Durability



Design/Styling



Environmental



New Feature



Resource Icons



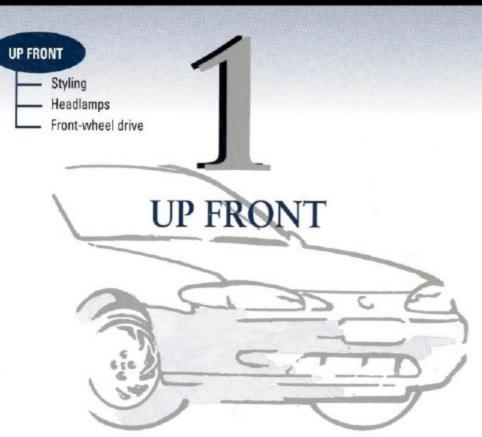
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(March/April 1996)





#### Unique and distinctive styling A

- · All-new exterior sheet metal for sedan
- · For wagon, new front-end metal and rear fascias
- · Sporty, expressive exterior
- · Distinctive Mercury design

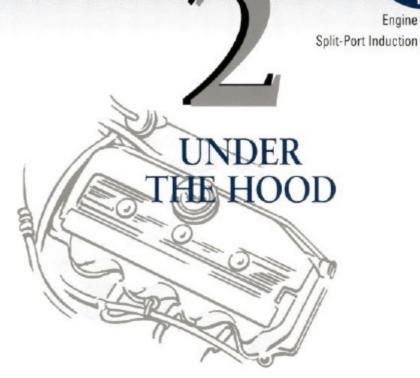


#### "Inside Aim" fixed lens halogen headlamps A

- · Excellent nighttime visibility
- Jewel-like appearance
- · Design previously only available on luxury vehicles

#### Front-wheel drive

- · Enhances traction
- Provides more interior space for passenger comfort



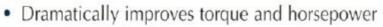
#### 2.0-liter in-line 4-cylinder engine





125 ft.-lbs. torque

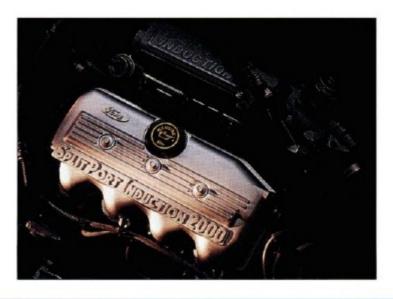
#### Split-Port Induction



Maintains fuel efficiency



Engine











Icons



Safety/Security



Performance/Handling



Comfort/Convenience



Quality/Reliability/ Durability



Design/Styling



Environmental



New Feature



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## INTRODUCING THE 1997 MERCURY TRACER

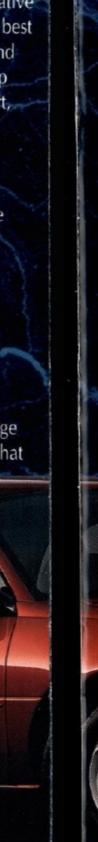
When Mercury Tracer first appeared on the scene, its innovative design and quality features helped establish it as one of the best values on the market. But technology, like time, doesn't stand still, and neither did Tracer's designers. They wanted to keep improving Tracer by creating a vehicle that provides comfort, refinement and amenities that are unexpected of cars in its class. The 1997 Mercury Tracer does just that.

Innovations and improvements include:

- A new engine that provides excellent fuel economy while increasing engine power
- A segment-exclusive ergonomic Integrated Control Panel that enhances Tracer's interior quality and comfort
- A unique "oval look" fascia and hood design that sets
   Tracer apart from all other cars in its class
- The latest security and safety devices for greater passenger protection

The 1997 Mercury Tracer is an exciting and dynamic package of unique styling, performance, safety and quality — a car that

can appeal to all ages and all stages of life. Take some time to walk around the new models and "Trace the Tracer" for 1997.



# 1997 MERCURY TRACER MODEL AVAILABILITY

Sedan Wagon

Tracer GS

Tracer LS

PEP 541A (Focus Model)

PEP 542A

# KEY MERCURY TRACER DATES



### SELLING TO WOMEN

Women are a major force in the automobile business. According to Ford Motor Company research, during 1995, women directly influenced 80% of all purchases and leases.

Here are some suggestions to help ensure customer satisfaction from this important group:

- Ask questions to determine women's needs and wants.
   Respond to all questions with thorough, knowledgeable answers
- Women often place a higher priority on safety and security features, including air bags, anti-lock brakes, anti-theft systems, delayed lighting systems, keyless entry with panic button and Roadside Assistance
- Stress value and emphasize the features and advantages the customer is getting for her dollar.
- Be prepared to discuss:
  - The features that meet her needs
  - · How those features work
  - The benefit of each feature
- Understand that women place an extremely high importance on trust. When they purchase, they are establishing a relationship with you and your dealership. Be sure to follow up on a continuing basis

As you "Trace the Tracer" during your walkaround presentation, be sure to especially point out to today's women buyers the features listed above.

## MERCURY COMMITMENT<sup>SM</sup>

Of equal importance to all of your customers are the many extras that make up the Mercury Commitment. It was created to enhance the Mercury brand and communicate Mercury's dedication to meeting our customers' needs.

The Mercury Commitment is a comprehensive package of benefits that assures our customers that Mercury, your dealership and you stand behind the vehicles you sell.

The Mercury Commitment consists of:

#### ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE

1-800-241-3673 for 24-hour emergency assistance

MERCURY VEHICLE LIMITED WARRANTY\*

PRE-DELIVERY/DELIVERY PROCESS\*\*

#### CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE CENTER

1-800-392-3673, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (all time zones), except holidays

#### OWNER IDENTIFICATION CARD

A convenient wallet card helps keep the Customer Assistance Center and Roadside Assistance Center telephone numbers handy.

- See a copy of the new vehicle limited warranty for specific terms and conditions.
- \*\* See Pre-Delivery and Delivery materials for a complete review of the process.





#### Platinum-tipped spark plugs

• 100,000-mile tune-up interval\*



#### EEC-V with OBD II

· Helps ensure lowest possible exhaust emission levels and optimal running conditions



#### Fully synchronized five-speed manual transaxle

- · Enhances shift smoothness
- · Overdrive fifth gear enhances fuel economy

#### Four-speed automatic transaxle with overdrive (optional)

- · Provides smooth, precise shifting
- · Overdrive fourth gear enhances fuel econo



#### Power-assisted rack-and-pinion steering

- · More precise steering
- · Reduces friction
- Improves road feel



#### Front disc and rear drum brakes with optional four-wheel Anti-lock Braking System A



- ABS helps prevent brake-induced wheel lockup
- · Allows driver to maintain steering control during braking

#### P185/65 R14 BSW tires with bolt-on wheel covers



All-season traction, extra security

#### Independent suspension system A



· New gas-charged shocks for better ride





#### Solar-tinted glass

· Keeps interior compartment cooler





<sup>\*</sup> Under normal driving conditions with regular fluid and filter changes



Sound package Side door intrusion beams Safety cell

#### Full sound package

· Quieter interior



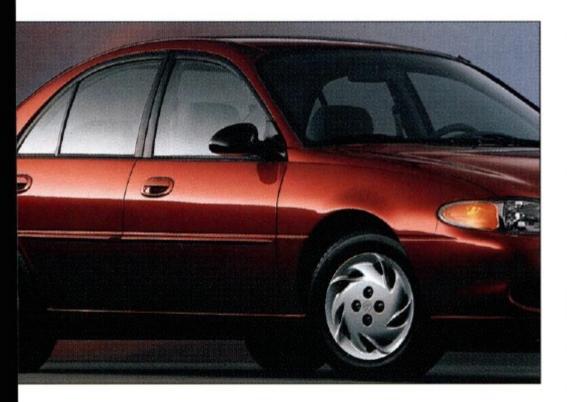
#### Side door intrusion beams





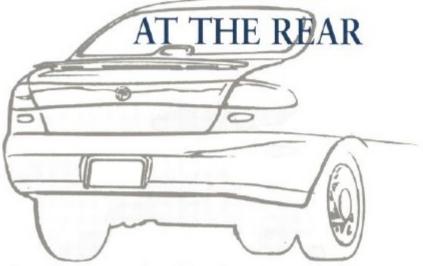
#### Improved steel safety cell construction

- · Enhances occupant protection
- Meets all 1997 federal crash standards





#### Bumpers Cargo capacity Warranties Roadside Assistance



#### 5-mph energy-absorbing bumpers

· Help minimize vehicle damage in the event of a minor collision

#### Cargo capacity

- 12.1 cu. ft. (sedan)
- 30.6 cu. ft. (wagon, rear seatbacks up)
- 66.9 cu. ft. (wagon, rear seatbacks down)
- · Low liftover design for easier loading and unloading

#### Warranties/Roadside Assistance

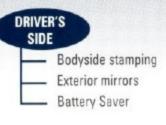


- 3-year/36,000-mile bumper-to-bumper
- · 5-year/unlimited mileage corrosion perforation
- 24-Hour Roadside Assistance

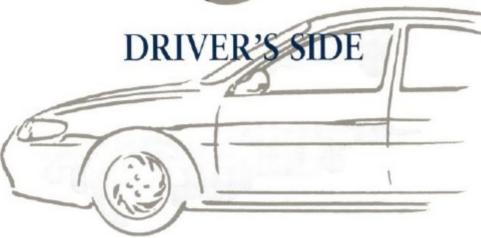














#### One-piece bodyside stamping

- Provides better dimensional control for improved door fit and construction quality
- Increases body rigidity, contributing to a smoother, quieter ride

#### Dual rearview exterior mirrors

· Enhance rearward visibility



#### Battery Saver feature

- · Turns off interior lights after 10 minutes
- Helps avoid battery drain



# Driver's door remote with panic alarm button (optional)

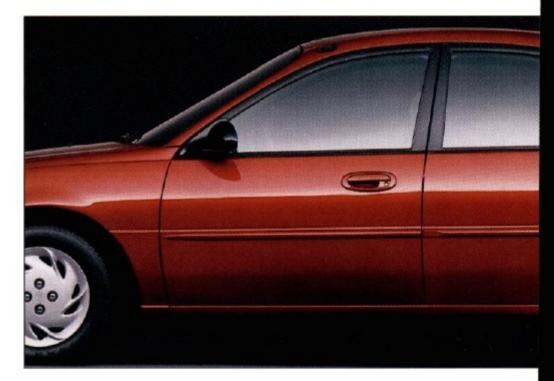


- · Locks and unlocks driver's door, decklid/liftgate only
- · Panic button activates horn and flashes lights
- · Segment exclusive

#### All-door Remote Keyless Entry System with Perimeter Anti-Theft System (optional)



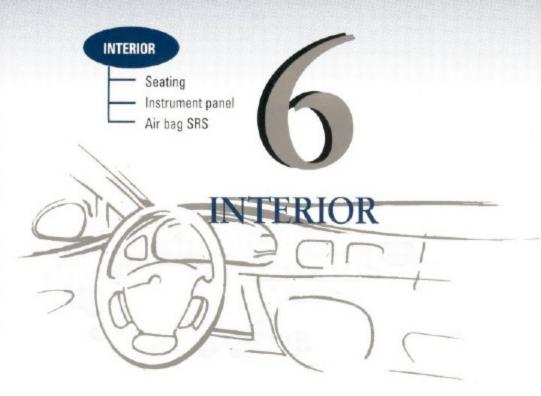
- · Locks and unlocks all four doors
- · Locks and unlocks decklid/liftgate
- · Door, hood, decklid/liftgate tamper-sensing
- · Honks horn, flashes lights to help deter theft











#### Five-passenger seating

- · With cloth and vinyl
- · Low-back front bucket seats
- · Comfort, convenience, room for five adults

#### 60/40 split/fold-down rear seat (LS models)

Greater flexibility for cargo needs

#### "Soft-touch" instrument panel

· Attractive interior design



#### Driver and right front passenger air bag Supplemental Restraint System (SRS)

Provides added protection in frontal or near-frontal collisions

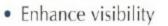


# Front seat safety belts with height-adjustable shoulder belts



· Improve wearer's comfort

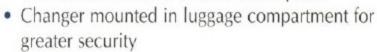
#### Two-speed variable interval windshield wipers





#### Six-disc CD changer (optional — sedan only)













Integrated Control Panel
 Center console
 Integrated child safety seat

Rear heat ducts



#### Integrated Control Panel

- Combines audio and climate controls for easier operation
- · Segment exclusive

Note: Due to the unique styling and complexity of ICPs, there are limited audio upgrade programs for Tracer

#### Full-length center console

· Convenient storage for cups, cassettes



# Integrated rear child safety seat (optional)

- Accommodates children weighing between 20 and 60 pounds
- Folds out of the way when not in use



#### Rear heat ducts

 Improve heating efficiency and passenger comfort





#### Rear-door child safety locks

· Prevent children from opening rear doors



#### Cargo area cover (wagon)

· Color-keyed, window-shade type













# 1997 MERCURY TRACER SEDAN

	1997 Tracer	1996 Cavalier
Exterior Dimensions (in.)		
Wheelbase	98.4	104.1
Overall length	174.7	180.3
Overall height	53.3	54.8
Tread width, front/rear	56.5 / 56.5	57.6 / 56.7
Body width (max.)	66.2	67.4
Interior Dimensions (in.)		
Head room, front/rear	39.0 / 36.7	39.0 / 37.2
Leg room, front/rear	42.5 / 33.8	42.3 / 34.6
Hip room, front/rear	50.2 / 49.3	50.8 / 50.6
Capacities		
Luggage capacity (cu. ft.)	12.1	13.2
Fuel (gal.)	12.8	15.2
Powertrain and Chassis		
Engine displacement and configuration	2.0L Split-Port Induction in-line 4-cylinder	2.2L SFI in-line 4-cylinder
Valvetrain	SOHC, 2 valves per cylinder	SOHC, 2 valves per cylinder
Horsepower (SAE net)	110 @ 5000	120 @ 5200
Torque (ftlbs.)	125 @ 3750	130 @ 4000
Transaxle (std.)	5-speed manual OD	5-speed manual OD
Front suspension	Independent, with gas-charged MacPherson struts, isolated subframe and stabilizer bar	Independent MacPherson struts with coil springs
Rear suspension	Quadralink suspension system: Independent, with gas-charged MacPherson strut multi-link design with stabilizer bar	Trailing arm, semi- independent with coil over gas- charged strut shock design

# - CHARTING THE COMPETITION

	1996 Neon	1996 Saturn SL1	1996 Civic DX
	104.0	102.4	103.2
	171.8	176.8	175.1
	54.8	54.5	54.7
	57.4 / 57.4	56.8 / 56.0	58.1 / 58.1
	67.6	66.7	67.1
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100	39.6 / 36.5	39.3 / 38.0	39.8 / 37.6
	42.5 / 35.1	42.5 / 32.8	42.7 / 34.1
	50.8 / 50.6	50.7 / 51.6	50.0 / 49.3
	11.8	12.1	11.9
	12.5	12.8	11.9
	2.0L SMPI	1.9L SEFI	1.6L MPFI
	in-line 4-cylinder	in-line 4-cylinder	in-line 4-cylinder
	SOHC, 4 valves	SOHC, 2 valves	SOHC, 4 valves
	per cylinder	per cylinder	per cylinder
	132 @ 6000	100 @ 5000	106 @ 6200
	129 @ 5000	114 @ 2400	103 @ 4600
	5-speed	5-speed	5-speed
	manual OD	manual OD	manual OD
	Dual-path isolated	Independent	Independent
	gas-charged struts	MacPherson strut	double-wishbone
	with coil springs	lateral link and	with coil springs
	and stabilizer bar	stabilizer bar	and stabilizer bar
	Independent	Independent tri-	Independent
	multi-link with	link strut with	double-wishbone
	gas-charged struts	coil springs	with coil springs
	and coil springs	, 0	, 0

## 1997 MERCURY TRACER SEDAN -

	1997 Tracer	1996 Cavalier
Steering	Power rack- and-pinion	Power rack- and-pinion
Standard Features		1 111/
Driver and right front passenger air bag SRS	S	S
Cup holders	2 front, 1 rear	1 front
Radio	Electronic AM/FM stereo with 4 speakers	0
Windshield wipers	2-speed, variable interval	Fixed delay
Rear seat heat ducts	S	S
"Inside Aim" fixed lens headlamps	s	NA \
"Battery Saver" feature	S	S
Bolt-on wheel covers	S	S
Exterior rearview mirrors	Dual	Dual
Solar-tinted glass	S	NA
Select Features		
Transaxle	Electronically controlled 4-speed auto. with OD	Electronically controlled 4-speed auto, with traction control
Anti-lock Braking System	4-wheel	4-wheel (standard)
Integrated rear child safety seat	0	NA NA
Air conditioning	0	0
Cruise control	0	0
Six-disc CD changer	0	NA \
Driver's door remote	0	NA VE
All-door remote	0	NA C

NA = Not Available S = Standard O= Optional

## CHARTING THE COMPETITION (CONT'D.)

1996 Neon	1996 Saturn SL1	1996 Civic DX
Power rack-	Variable-assist	Power rack-
and-pinion	power rack-and-pinion	and-pinion
8	S	S
2 front	2 front	1 front
0	AM/FM stereo	AM/FM
	with seek/scan,	stereo with
	4 speakers	4 speakers
2-speed,	3-speed,	2-speed,
variable interval	variable interval	variable interval
NA	S	NA )
NA	NA	NA
NA	NA	NA
NA	NA	NA
Driver's side	Dual	Dual
NA	NA	NA
Performance 5-speed manual transaxle and 3-speed automatic transaxle	Electronically controlled 4-speed auto. with OD	Electronically controlled 4-speed auto. with OD
4-wheel	4-wheel including traction control	NA /
0	NA	NA
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NA	NA	NA V
NA	0	O (dealer-installed
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# 1997 MERCURY TRACER WAGON

	1997 Tracer Wagon
Exterior Dimensions (in.)	
Wheelbase	98.4
Overall length	172.9
Overall height	53.9
Tread width, front/rear	56.5 / 56.5
Overall width (max.)	66.2
Interior Dimensions (in.)	
Head room, front/rear	38.7 / 39.1
Leg room, front/rear	42.5 / 33.8
Hip room, front/rear	50.2 / 49.3
Capacities	
Luggage (cu. ft.), rear seat up/down	30.6 / 66.9
Fuel (gal.)	12.8
Powertrain and Chassis	
Engine displacement and configuration	2.0L Split-Port Induction in-line 4-cylinder
Valvetrain	SOHC, 2 valves per cylinder
Horsepower (SAE net)	110 @ 5000
Torque (ftlbs.)	125 @ 3750
Transaxle (std.)	5-speed manual OD
Front suspension	Independent, with gas-charged MacPherson struts, isolated subframe and stabilizer bar
Rear suspension	Quadralink suspension system: Independent, with gas-charged MacPherson strut multi-link design with stabilizer bar
Steering	Power rack-and-pinion

# — CHARTING THE COMPETITION

1996 Saturn SW1 Wagon	1996 Corolla DX Wagon
102.4	97.0
176.8	172.0
54.5	55.3
56.8 / 56.0	57.5 / 57.1
66.7	66.3
39.3 / 38.7	38.8 / 39.7
42.5 / 32.8	42.4 / 33.0
50.7 / 51.6	51.3 / 45.9
24.9 / 48.7	31.4 / 64.8
12.8	13.2
1.9L SEFI	1.8L EFI
in-line 4-cylinder	in-line 4-cylinder
SOHC, 2 valves	DOHC, 4 valves
per cylinder	per cylinder
100 @ 5000	105 @ 5200
114 @ 2400	117 @ 2800
5-speed manual OD	5-speed manual OD
Independent MacPherson	Independent
struts with lateral coil springs,	MacPherson struts with
hydraulic shock absorbers and stabilizer bar	hydraulic shock absorbers and stabilizer bar
Independent tri-link	Independent
with hydraulic shock	MacPherson struts
absorbers and coil springs	with hydraulic shock absorbers and stabilizer bar
Power rack-and-pinion	Power rack-and-pinion

## 1997 MERCURY TRACER WAGON —

	1997 Tracer Wagon	
Select Features		
Transaxle (std./opt.)	5-speed manual with overdrive / electronically controlled 4-speed auto. with overdrive	
Anti-lock Braking System	4-wheel	
Integrated rear child safety seat	0	
Air conditioning	0	
Cruise control	0	
AM/FM stereo	S	
Driver's door remote	0	
All-door remote	0	

NA = Not Available S = Standard O = Optional



## CHARTING THE COMPETITION (CONT'D.)

1996 Saturn SW1 Wagon	1996 Corolla DX Wagon
5-speed manual with overdrive / electronically controlled 4-speed auto. with overdrive	5-speed manual with overdrive / electronically controlled 4-speed auto. with overdrive
4-wheel	4-wheel
NA	NA
0	0
O	0
S	0
NA	NA
0	0



# MERCURY TRACER SEDAN — 1996 vs. 1997

	1996 Tracer	1997 Tracer
Exterior Dimensions (in.)		
Wheelbase	98.4	98.4
Overall length	170.9	174.7
Overall height	52.7	53.3
Tread width, front/rear	56.5 / 56.5	56.5 / 56.5
Overall width (max.)	66.7	66.2
Interior Dimensions (in.)		
Head room, front/rear	38.4 / 37.4	39.0 / 36.7
Leg room, front/rear	41.7 / 34.6	42.5 / 33.8
Hip room, front/rear	50.4 / 48.0	50.2 / 49.3
Capacities		125
Luggage (cu. ft.)	12.1	12.1
Fuel (gal.)	11.9	12.8
Powertrain and Chassis		
Engine displacement	1.9-liter SEFI	2.0-liter Split-
and configuration	in-line 4-cylinder	Port Induction
		in-line 4-cylinder
Valvetrain	SOHC, 2 valves	SOHC, 2 valves
II GIF A	per cylinder	per cylinder
Horsepower (SAE net)	88 @ 4400	110 @ 5000
Torque	108 @ 3800	125 @ 3750
Transaxle (std./opt.)	5-speed manual	5-speed manual
	with overdrive /	with overdrive /
	electronically controlled	electronically
	4-speed auto.	controlled 4-speed auto.
	with overdrive	with overdrive
Front suspension	Independent	Independent,
	MacPherson strut with stabilizer bar	with gas-charged MacPherson struts, isolated subframe and stabilizer bar

## Tracer Sedan — 1996 vs. 1997 (cont'd.)

	1996 Tracer	1997 Tracer
Rear suspension	Independent strut-type with stabilizer bar	Quadralink suspension system: Independent, with gas-charged MacPherson strut multi-link design with stabilizer bar
Steering	Power rack- and-pinion	Power rack- and-pinion
Select Features		
"Inside Aim" fixed lens headlamps	NA	Standard
One-piece bodyside stamping	NA	Standard
Driver's door remote	NA	Available
All-door remote	NA .	Available
Battery Saver feature	NA	Standard
Bolt-on wheel covers	NA	Standard
Solar-tinted glass	NA	Standard
Dual rearview exterior mirrors	Available	Standard
Non-motorized height-adjustable		
front safety belts	NA	Standard
Integrated Control Panel	NA	Standard
Six-disc CD changer	NA	Available
Headlamps-on warning chime	Available	Standard

**Bold** indicates advantage NA = Not Available

# MERCURY TRACER WAGON — 1996 vs. 1997

	1996 Tracer	1997 Tracer
Exterior Dimensions (in	1.)	
Wheelbase	98.4	98.4
Overall length	171.3	172.9
Overall height	53.6	53.9
Tread width, front/rear	56.5 / 56.5	56.5 / 56.5
Overall width (max.)	66.7	66.2
Interior Dimensions (in	.)	
Head room, front/rear	38.4 / 38.5	38.7 / 39.1
Leg room, front/rear	41.7 / 34.6	42.5 / 33.8
Hip room, front/rear	50.4 / 48.0	50.2 / 49.3
Capacities		
Luggage (cu. ft.)	30.6 (rear seat up) 66.9 (rear seat down)	30.6 (rear seat up) 66.9 (rear seat down)
Loadfloor length (in.)	68.1	68.1
Floor width between		-
wheelhousing (in.)	38.9	38.9
Rear opening height (in.)	31.5	31.5
Fuel (gal.)	11.9	12.8
Powertrain and Chassis	of free man of the	
Engine displacement and configuration	1.9-liter SEFI in-line 4-cylinder	2.0-liter Split- Port Induction
		in-line 4-cylinder
Valvetrain	SOHC, 2 valves	SOHC, 2 valves
II (CAT IX	per cylinder	per cylinder
Horsepower (SAE net)	88 @ 4400	110 @ 5000
Torque (ftlbs.)	108 @ 3800	125 @ 3750
Transaxle (std./opt.)	5-speed manual with overdrive / electronically controlled 4-speed auto. with overdrive	5-speed manual with overdrive / electronically controlled 4-speed auto. with overdrive

## Tracer Wagon — 1996 vs. 1997 (cont'd.)

	1996 Tracer	1997 Tracer
Front suspension	Independent MacPherson strut with stabilizer bar	Independent, with gas-charged MacPherson struts, isolated subframe and stabilizer bar
Rear suspension	Independent strut-type with stabilizer bar	Quadralink suspension system: Independent, with gas-charged MacPherson strut multi-link design with stabilizer bar
Steering	Power rack- and-pinion	Power rack- and-pinion
Select Features		
"Inside Aim" fixed lens headlamps	NA	Standard
One-piece bodyside stamping	NA -	Standard
Driver's door remote		
with panic button	NA	Available
All-door remote	NA	Available
Battery Saver feature	NA	Standard
Bolt-on wheel covers	NA	Standard
Solar-tinted glass	NA	Standard
Dual rearview exterior mirrors	Available	Standard
Non-motorized height- adjustable front safety belts	NA	Standard
Integrated Control Panel	NA	Standard

**Bold** indicates advantage NA = Not Available

## TRACER VS. ESCORT VISUAL DIFFERENTIATION



#### Front

- Unique Fascia
- Fog Lamps

#### Side

• Unique Wheels/Wheel Covers

#### Interior

- · Unique Seat Fabric/Sew Styles
- Instrument Panel:

Ford: Two-tone; L-M: Monotone, color-keyed

Unique Door Trim Inserts

#### Rear

- · Unique Full-width Red Appliqué
- · Cast Aluminum Wheels



## MERCURY TRACER TRIO\*

A sportier version of the Mercury Tracer sedan will be available later in the model year. The Mercury Tracer Trio will incorporate these features:

- Spoiler
- Fog Lamps
- "Safari" Interior Trim
- Bright Exhaust Tip
- "Trio" Badge
- \* Late availability

# PREFERRED EQUIPMENT PACKAGES

In addition to all of the standard features, Tracer customers can equip their vehicles with these PEPs:

#### Tracer LS 541A (Focus Model):

- Air Conditioning
- Driver's Door Remote w/Entry Alarm
- Dual Power Exterior Mirrors
- Electric Rear Window Defroster

#### Tracer LS 542A

In addition to the features included in PEP 541A, PEP 542A adds:

- Electronic AM/FM Stereo Cassette
- Power Door Locks w/Anti-Theft System (Includes 4-door Perimeter Anti-Theft and All-door Keyless Remote Entry)
- Power Windows

