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FORD:

1989-93 FESTIVA
1989-94 TEMPO
1989-97 CROWN VICTORIA, ESCORT, MUSTANG, PROBE, TAURUS, THUNDERBIRD
1994-97 ASPIRE
1995-97 CONTOUR

LINCOLN-MERCURY:

1989 TRACER
1989-92 MARK VII
1989-94 TOPAZ
1989-97 CONTINENTAL, COUGAR, GRAND MARQUIS, SABLE, TOWN CAR
1991-94 CAPRI[SPC]
1991-97 TRACER
1993-97 MARK VIII
1995-97 MYSTIQUE

MERKUR:

1989 SCORPIO, XR4TI

LIGHT TRUCK:

1989-90 BRONCO II
1989-96 BRONCO
1989-97 AEROSTAR, ECONOLINE, F SUPER DUTY, F-150-350 SERIES, RANGER
1991-97 EXPLORER
1993-97 VILLAGER
1995-97 WINDSTAR
1997 EXPEDITION, MOUNTAINEER

This TSB is being republished in its entirety to include vehicles built through the 1997 model year.

ISSUE:

This TSB article describes Ford Motor Company's position on the use of propylene glycol-based engine coolants.

ACTION:

Ford Motor Company does not recommend or endorse the use of engine coolants made with propylene glycol in Ford vehicles. Ford Motor Company currently recommends the use of ethylene glycol.

Available information indicates that current propylene glycol-based engine coolants on the market provide less heat transfer and some may not provide enough corrosion protection to meet Ford specifications.

Furthermore, claims of toxicological and environmental advantages of propylene glycol over ethylene glycol may be misleading. When significant new information is developed, Ford will review this policy.

Ford's warranty/policy operating guidelines do not specifically address engine coolants made with propylene glycol. In general, vehicle operation, adjustments and maintenance procedures which are not performed in compliance with recommended manufacturer specifications do not automatically void the Ford new vehicle limited warranty. Each warranty claim is reviewed on its own merits.

If, however, the use of a product which does not meet Ford specifications causes or contributes to the failure of a Ford component, the cost of repairing the affected component is not covered by the Ford new vehicle limited warranty.

In such cases, the vehicle owner would have to look to the manufacturer, seller or installer of the product for replacement of the affected component(s) and for any related damage to the vehicle.

OTHER APPLICABLE ARTICLES: NONE

SUPERSEDES: 94-10-8

WARRANTY STATUS: INFORMATION ONLY

OASIS CODES: 402000
