

FORD AXODE (AX4S) HARSH 1-2 UPSHIFT, OR FLARE ON 1-2 UPSHIFT

COMPLAINT: Some 1995-Up Ford Windstar Vans may exhibit a harsh 1-2 upshift, either before and/or

after overhaul of the transaxle. Some 1995-Up Ford Taurus, Mercury Sable or Lincoln

Continental may exhibit a soft or flare on the 1-2 upshift either before or after overhaul.

CAUSE: The cause may be, a valve body spacer plate designed for the Taurus, Sable, Continental passenger car family, has been installed on a Windstar Van, creating a harsh 1-2 upshift.

If the Windstar Van valve body spacer plate, is installed on the Taurus, Sable, Continental family of vehicles, the result will be a soft or flared 1-2 upshift. *Obviously these two spacer*

plates are different. Refer to Figures 1 and 2, using the two holes over the 1-2 capacity

modulator valve area, for identification.

CORRECTION: Install the proper valve body spacer plate for the Ford family that you happen to be servicing at this time. Refer to the illustration in Figure 1 to identify the valve body spacer plate for the

Windstar Van. Refer to the illustration in Figure 2 to identify the valve body spacer plate for

the Taurus, Sable and Continental family.

Special Note: The valve bodies and castings are exactly the same in the 1-2 capacity modulator valve area, but the valve body casting and spacer plate changed again in 1999 in a different area. These same concerns may be encountered by changing a complete valve body, that included a spacer plate, trying to fix a totally different concern. Use Figures 1 and 2, using the two holes over the 1-2 capacity modulator valve area, to identify the valve body spacer plates. Refer to the chart in Figure 3 for OEM part numbers.

SERVICE INFORMATION:

OEM part numbers are found in Figure 3 and are also available from some suppliers.

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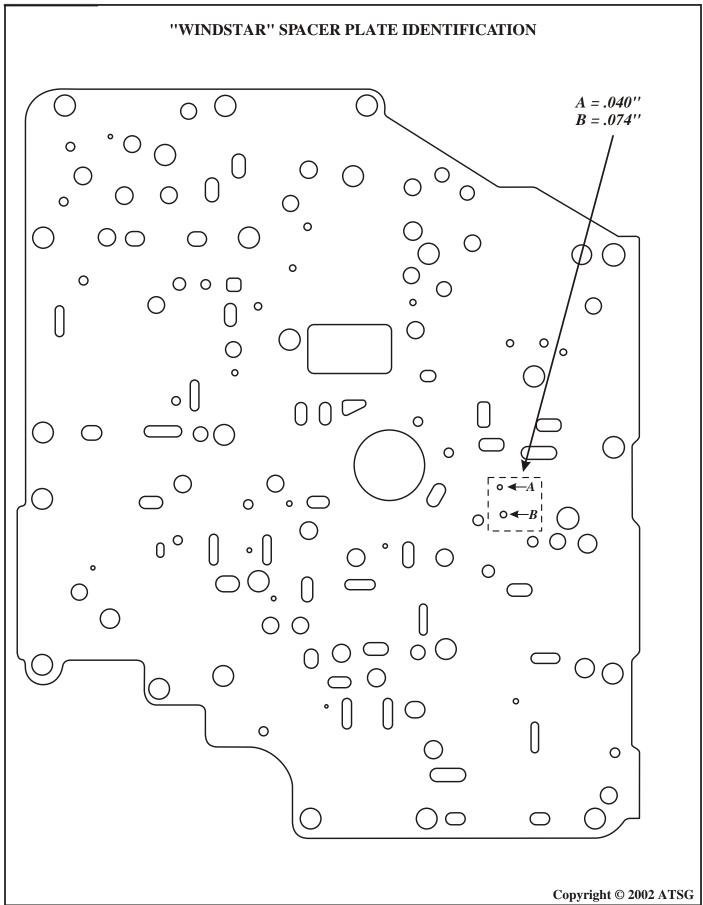


Figure 1
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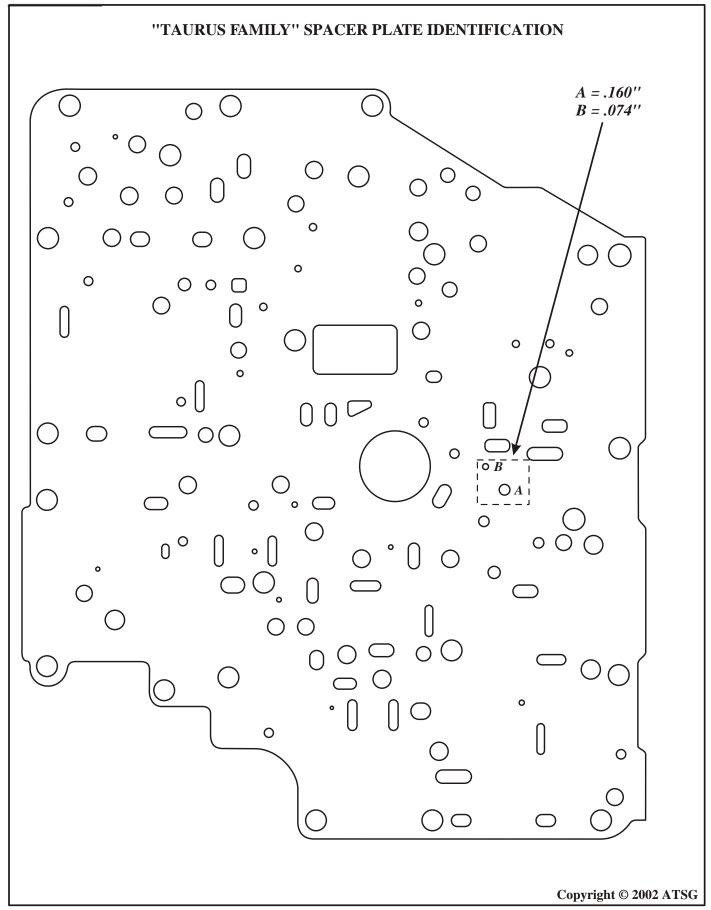


Figure 2
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AXODE (AX4S) PUMP AND VALVE BODY SPACER PLATE IDENTIFICATION

AX4S BONDED PUMP SPACER PLATES

OEM Part Number	Code	Application	Model Year	Engine
F5DZ-7R167-A	AH	Lincoln Continental	1994	3.8L
		Ford Taurus/Sable and Windstar	1994-1995	ALL
F58Z-7R167-A	51	Ford Windstar	1995-1998	3.0L
		Ford Windstar, Ford Taurus/Sable	1996-1998	3.8L
X2FZ-7R167-AA	99	Ford Windstar, Ford Taurus/Sable	1999-2002	3.0L/3.8L

AX4S BONDED VALVE BODY SPACER PLATES

OEM Part Number	Code	Application	Model Year	Engine
F5DZ-7Z490-B	31	Ford Taurus SHO	1994-1995	3.2L
F5DZ-7Z490-C	40	Ford Taurus/Sable	1994-1995	3.0L
F5DZ-7Z490-D	41	Lincoln Continental	1994	3.8L
		Ford Taurus/Sable	1994-1995	3.8L
F58Z-7Z490-A	58	Ford Windstar	1995	3.8L
F58Z-7Z490-B	53	Ford Windstar	1995	3.0L
F6DZ-7Z490-FB	42(97)*	Ford Taurus/Sable	1996-1998	3.0L
F68Z-7Z490-A	47(67)*	Ford Windstar	1996-1997	3.8L
F88Z-7Z490-AA	98	Ford Windstar	1998	3.0L/3.8L
XF2Z-7Z490-AA	99	Ford Taurus/Sable	1999	3.0L
XF2Z-7Z490-AA	99	Ford Windstar (W/VB's XD29-AB/AC/BB)	1999	3.0L/3.8L
YF1Z-7Z490-AA	00	Ford Taurus/Sable	2000-2002	3.0L

OEM Part Number F6DZ-7Z490-FB has a "42" code and replaces the "97" code, as the "97" code spacer plate is no longer available.

OEM Part Number F68Z-7Z490-A has a "47" code and replaces the "67" code, as the "67" code spacer plate is no longer available.

CAUTION: Part Numbers are subject to change or supercede without notice.

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Figure 3