



# Technical Service Information

## FORD AX4S (AXODE) INTERMITTENT NEUTRAL COMING TO STOP

**COMPLAINT:** Some 1996-1998 Windstar vehicles equipped with the AX4S (AXODE) transaxle may experience an intermittent neutral condition after driving and coming to a stop.

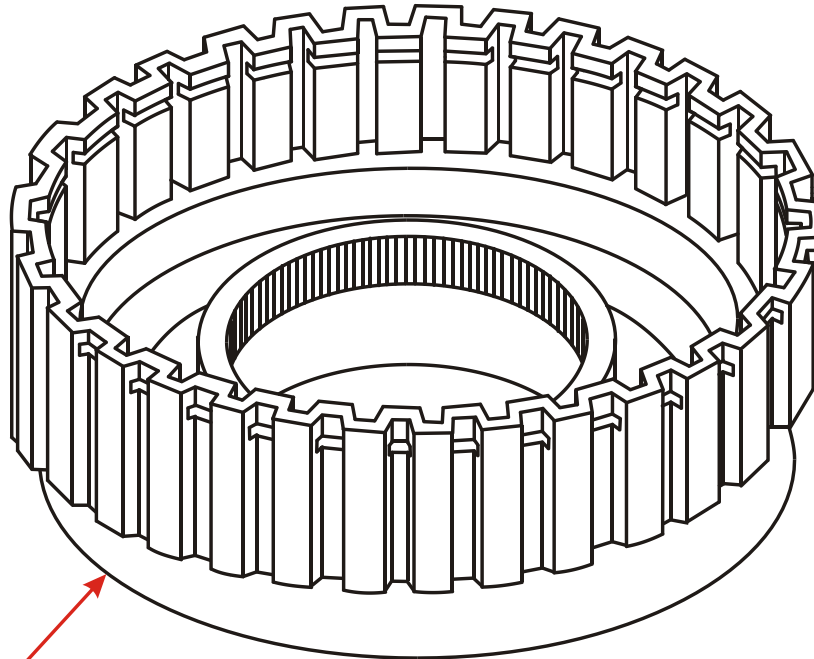
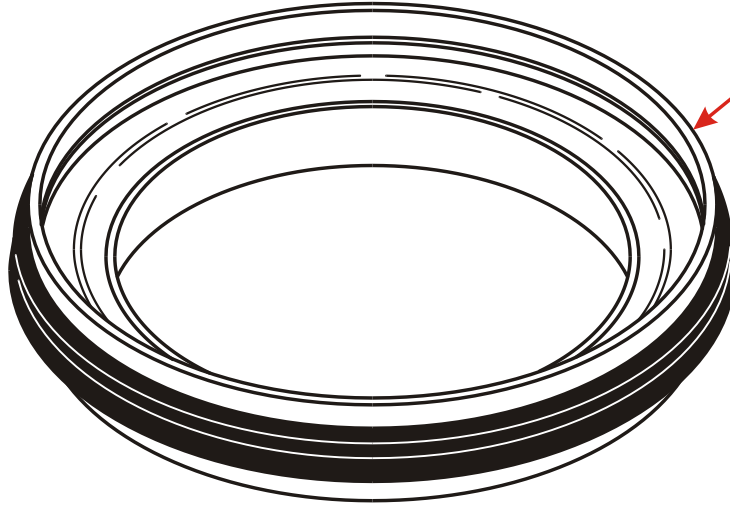
**CAUSE:** The cause may be, the molded rubber seal on the forward clutch piston intermittently not sealing during the 3-2 downshift (See Figure 1).

**CORRECTION:** Replace the forward clutch piston *and* the forward clutch cylinder with the OEM part numbers listed below. Refer to Figure 1.

**SERVICE INFORMATION:**

Forward Clutch Piston .....	F8DZ-7A262-AB
Forward Clutch Cylinder .....	F5DZ-7A360-A
Forward Clutch Friction Plates (4 Required) .....	F8DZ-7B164-AC
Forward Clutch Steel Plates (4 Required) .....	F2DZ-7B442-A

**FORWARD CLUTCH  
MOLDED PISTON  
F8DZ-7A262-AB**



**FORWARD CLUTCH CYLINDER  
F5DZ-7A360-A**

Figure 1