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The fourth-generation Ford Taurus is an automobile that was produced by Ford for the to model years. While mechanically similar to its predecessor, major revisions to the bodyshell of the sedan were done to alter its controversial styling as well as add interior room; it was available in four-door sedan and five-door station wagon models. The fourth-generation Taurus would be the final derived from the original model line. In and , as part of its effort to increase the use of globally sourced platforms, Ford introduced the Volvo-developed Five Hundred and Mazda-developed Fusion to fill the slot of the Taurus in the Ford line for non-fleet buyers, the Five Hundred also served as a replacement for the Crown Victoria. When the third-generation Taurus debuted, it was hurt by criticism of its design, which was formed from oval derived design elements. The design was very controversial, and it strongly limited the appeal of the car. As a result, for the fourth generation Taurus, Ford designed it with a more subdued, angular design, as part of Ford's New Edge styling, in hopes of increasing the car's appeal. Instead of sloping back, this car's trunk stood upright in a more traditional shape, which greatly increased trunk space. The front and rear clips were also redesigned on the Taurus and Sable sedans; all body panels were brand-new except the doors. Station wagons received the new front clips but from the firewall back they were essentially the same as the wagons. The Taurus now had the turn signals integrated into the headlamps, similar to that of the previous generation Sable. The front bumper was also redesigned to include a larger front grille which, like the previous generation, contained a chrome bar running through the middle containing the Ford logo. The rear clip was redesigned with a larger trunk and trunklid, as mentioned above, as well as giving the Taurus two large taillights as opposed to the rear lightbar used in the previous generation cars. Mounted on the trunklid was a large chrome bar containing the Ford logo, like in the front. In for the model year, the front clip was slightly redesigned, and the Taurus got a new front bumper and grille. The grille was made smaller, with the chrome bar removed, replaced by just a large Ford logo in the center. The taillights were slightly redesigned, originally to include amber turn signals, but this was cancelled at the eleventh hour. Instead, the rear was given larger reverse lights, and the chrome bar above the license plate bracket was deleted. As with the exterior, the interior was completely redesigned with a more conservative style, although some features from the previous cars were carried over. The dashboard had a more linear appearance, instead of curving around the driver. The "Integrated Control Panel" was carried over but enlarged, reshaped, and placed in the center of the dash instead of being tilted toward the driver. The Flip-Fold center console was also carried over but it was revamped as well. When folded out, it now rested against the floor instead of the dashboard, and had different cupholders and storage areas. This Taurus' interior was available in two configurations; a front bench seat with a column-mounted shifter and the Flip-Fold center console, or bucket seats with a traditional console and a floor-mounted shifter. The configuration for a steering column-mounted shifter and a center console, which made a brief return for , had been dropped. The interior also contained many new safety features; side airbags, tether straps, and a glow in the dark trunk release mounted inside of the trunk. This system, at the time of a collision, would detect the driver and passenger's positions as well as seatbelt usage, and would inflate the airbags to match, possibly preventing airbag-related injuries. This included a new steering wheel with a center airbag pad that was shaped like an upside-down taco and new gauges with a diagnostic center that would tell if there were any problems with the car, as well as average fuel economy. It also was able to perform a "system check" at the driver's request to make sure that the engine was functioning properly. The two models were carried over, and two more were added. The most basic model was the LX, with the SE as the mid priced model. The SEL line received a few upgrades for , to give it a more upscale image. Among the changes were a new instrument cluster, wheels, as well as a slight redesign of the dash, with woodgrain replacing the black trim. It also got woodgrain on the steering wheel rim and around the power window switches on the front doors. This special Taurus included many extras, such as lighter wood trim, special leather seats, headlights with black accents, special wheels, a special leather case for the owner's manual, a leather jacket that said "Ford: Years", a similar watch , and a letter from William Clay Ford, Jr. Production was limited to 4, units. For , and , the SES model received a "Sport" package, which consisted of five-spoked rims known as "slicers", and the Duratec engine standard. In addition, the exterior of the vehicle received Sport badging on the front quarter-panels, the chrome bar on the grille was changed to body color, the interior received two-toned cloth seats, a two-toned dash applique, special "Sport" floor mats, and a leather-wrapped steering wheel. This model was only offered in four colors. The Mercury Sable, the sister model of the Taurus aimed at a more upscale audience, was also redesigned for Like with previous generations, the Sable shared all mechanical components with the Taurus with a unique body. The new Sable was also largely carried over from the previous model , with changes limited a new front fascia, rear fascia, wheels, a taller roof and trunk, and a new

interior, though the interior was the same design of the Taurus with added woodgrain trim. Like with previous generations, the Sable offered the same powertrains and equipment as the Taurus. An LS Platinum edition was also briefly offered. The Sable was updated in with a new grille, front bumper, steering wheel, instrument cluster, wheels and taillamps. The Sable was discontinued in and replaced by the Mercury Montego which would be renamed as the Sable in and Mercury Milan. This generation of Sable was not sold in Canada , as the Mercury nameplate had been discontinued there by the model year. This generation of Taurus saw a significant sales slump compared to its predecessors. Production ended on October 27, , as Ford idled the Atlanta plant, as part of its " The Way Forward " restructuring plan. The last Ford Taurus rolled off the assembly line around am, [11] destined for delivery to S. Truett Cathy , owner of Chick-fil-A. Cathy's original restaurant was located across from the Ford Atlanta plant. There was no official event or function of any kind to mark the end of production. Alan Mulally, [14]. The discontinuation of the Taurus sparked debate given its once-strong position in the market and Ford's well-publicized financial problems at the time. Analysts, customers and some interviewed Ford employees criticized the company for failing to invest in the car and keep it competitive, instead focusing all of its resources on developing and marketing trucks and SUVs. Newly-hired Ford CEO Alan Mulally expressed similar opinions, telling the Associated Press the decision "perplexed" him when he learned about it; he recalled asking subordinates, "How can it go away? It's the best selling car in America! They wanted us to keep improving it. Partially blaming the Five Hundred's struggles on its name, Mulally decided that the revised vehicle should be marketed as the Taurus, the name he believed the Five Hundred sedan should have used from the beginning [14] as he believed Ford was better off continuing to use its older nameplates that maintained decent brand equity rather than trying to build up new ones. From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia. For a complete overview of all Taurus models, see Ford Taurus. Motor vehicle. Main article: List of Fourth generation Ford Taurus models. Ford Taurus to be revived. How can it go away? It's the best selling car in America. Consumer Guide. Archived from the original on Retrieved Taurus Car Club of America. Archived from the original on November 19, Ford Division. Retrieved 29 November Archived from the original on September 27, Detroit News. Left Lane News. USA Today. ABC News. Ford producing last Taurus next week". The Truth About Cars. Autoinsider news. Ford Taurus. 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