



TECH TIPS

Dixie Part Numbers: A-2037 and S-2077

Applications: 2000 – 2001 Ford Taurus, 3L 24V built prior to 10/02/2000
2000 – 2001 Mercury Sable, 3L 24V built prior to 10/02/2000

Condition: The vehicle operator may complain of one or more of the following conditions:

- The engine cranks excessively long in cold weather.
- The malfunction indicator lamp is on.
- The transmission vibrates or shudders on deceleration in first gear, the vehicle drives rough when coasting and downshifting.

The technician may note that diagnostic code P1443 is stored in memory.

Cause: A potential cause for the above problems is an incorrectly calibrated powertrain control module.

Correction: Verify that the powertrain control module has release WDS B14.4 or higher. There should be a decal showing that the vehicle has been powertrain control module reprogrammed per TSB 01-19-01 or later.