



TECH TIPS

Dixie Part Numbers: A-263 A-279 A-2047 A-2048
 S-2074 S-2075 S-2076 S-2106

Applications: 1999 – 2000 Mercury Cougar
 2000 – 2001 Ford Focus

Condition: The operator of the vehicle may complain of smoke, a burning smell, the “check engine” light coming on or a failure to start.

Cause: A potential cause for the above is a misrouted alternator battery cable and/or an under tightened alternator output cable nut. When misrouted (the factory routed wiring was incorrect) the wire could chaff against the power steering unit, and, overtime short to ground.

Correction: Inspect that alternator output cable for signs of heat damage and chaffing on engine components and reroute the wiring following the manufacturer’s recommended procedures.

