

The essential ingredients for a memorable driving experience are an engine that breathes deeply



during a rush to the redline and a chassis that balances poise with predictability.

Blend these cardinal

virtues with finesse and you've got a passionate driving machine.

# **POWER, TORQUE,** BREATHABILITY.

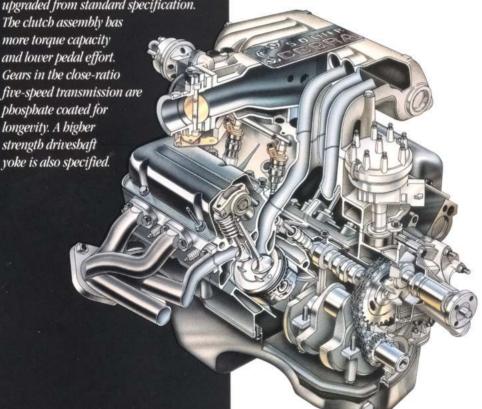
The heart and soul of any high-performance automobile is the engine. With this in mind, Ford's Special Vehicle Team raised the output of the Mustang GT's HO V-8 with the addition of freebreathing GT-40 cylinder beads, an intake manifold with larger diameter runners, a large-bore throttle body, and valvetrain improvements. Electronic fuel injectors with higher maximum flow ratings were also specified. The Cobra's EEC-IV engine control computer was programmed to deliver 235 borsepower at 4600 rpm with snappy response, respectable fuel

economy, and a clean exhaust. To bandle the Cobra's potent strike. several driveline components are upgraded from standard specification.

The clutch assembly has more torque capacity and lower pedal effort. Gears in the close-ratio five-speed transmission are phosphate coated for longevity. A higher strength driveshaft

**SVT's** no-compromise approach worked wonders on the Cobra's driveline, so similar techniques were used to improve the chassis. SVT applied a suspension tuning philosophy called "controlled compliance" and tapped Jackie Stewart to belp bone a finer balance between ride and bandling attributes.

The critical ground contact patch is established with state-of-the-art tires: Goodyear Eagle P245/45ZR-17 rubber mounted to 17 x 7.5-inch cast aluminum wheels. Advanced rubber compounding and tire structure balance wet and dry adhesion, tire wear and rolling resistance (fuel economy).





**SVT** chassis engineers used a systems approach to achieve a superior combination of dynamic responses over a variety of road surfaces. With controlled compliance, the Cobra is thoroughly entertaining on a smooth, dry road but also takes the sting out of bumpy pavement.

Several suspension variables are softer and more compliant to assure that the wide tires maintain consistent contact with the road. In comparison with the Mustang GT, the Cobra's front anti-roll



bar is smaller in diameter and the rear springs have a lower rate. Shockabsorber valving is subtly changed in the same vein to achieve a supple ride. High speed cornering predictability is enhanced by the application of higher rate bushings at the forward end of the rear suspension's upper control links. A near-neutral handling balance is maintained with significantly improved rough-road adhesion.

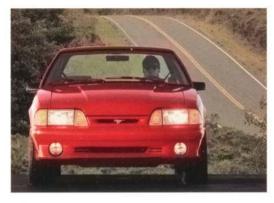
In keeping with the Cobra's quicker acceleration and superior handling attributes, the brake system has been upgraded with fourwheel vented discs. The key gains are improved pedal feel and superior brake modulation.



The Mustang Cobra is a supremely versatile sports-touring machine with an endearing personality. The driveline is quick and eager to please. Wheel motions are limber and the chassis is sure-footed. Steering and brake response are linear and confidence inspiring. The brakes are there when you need them.

Engineered specifically for driving enthusiasts by a team of knowledgeable Ford zealots, the Cobra is a car to enjoy day in and day out, mile after mile.









#### ENGINE

 Type
 90° V-8

 Bore x stroke
 4.0 in. x 3.0 in.

 Displacement
 5.0 liters/302 cu. in.

Compression ratio 9.0 :1 Valve gear High-

High-lift camsbaft, roller lifters, roller rocker arms Tuned-length intake manifold, sequential electronic fuel injection, high-flowcapacity pump and injectors

Reverse

3.15

Horsepower (SAE net) 235 @ 4600 rpm

Torque (SAE net) 280 lbs.-ft. @ 4000 rpm Redline 6000 rpm

3rd

DRIVETRAIN

Induction

Transmission Heavy-duty Borg-Warner T-5 five-speed Final drive 3.08:1, limited slip Gear ratios: Ratio Ratio 4th 1.00 1st 3.35 2nd 1.99 5th 0.68

1.33

#### SUSPENSION

Front suspension Independent, modified MacPherson strut type, coil springs, anti-roll bar Rear suspension Rigid axle located by four

trailing links, coil springs, anti-roll bar

STEERING

Type Power-assisted rack and pinion, constant ratio

Turns lock-to-lock 2.22

Turning circle 40.8 ft.

#### BRAKES

Front 10.84" vented disc
Rear 10.07" vented disc
Power assist Vacuum booster with calibration optimized for modulation

### WHEELS & TIRES

Wheels 17 x 7.5"/Cast aluminum alloy Tires Goodyear P245/45ZR17 BSW Recommended cold inflation pressure Front/rear: 30 psi/30 psi

#### STANDARD/PREFERRED EQUIPMENT PACKAGE

Supplemental restraint system-driver only (Air Bag)
Articulated sport seats with cloth/vinyl trim,
cloth beadrests, power lumbar support
Premium electronic AM/FM cassette
with integral clock and six speakers
Power Equipment Group Includes: Dual Electric
Remote Control Mirrors; Power Side Windows;
Power Lock Group
Air Conditioning/Manual Control
Front Floor Mats

### AVAILABLE OPTIONS

Leather Seating Surfaces Rear Window Defroster Flip-Up Open Air Roof 4-Way Power Driver's Seat AM/FM Stereo/CD Player Super Sound System

## SPECIAL EXTERIOR COMPONENTS

Open front fascia panel Integrated rocker-panel extension moldings Rear bumper fascia Decklid airfoil Mustang Cobra identification badges

## PERFORMANCE

Acceleration 0-60 mph: 5.7 seconds
Top speed 140 mph
EPA estimates 17 mpg city/24 mpg highway

#### PACKAGE

| Wheelbase         | 100.5" | Headroom    | 37.0"     |
|-------------------|--------|-------------|-----------|
| Overall length    | 179.6" | Legroom     | 41.7"     |
| Front tread width | 57.9"  | Curb weight | 3,255 lb. |
| Rear tread width  | 57.0"  |             |           |



