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# FORD AEROSTAR VAN



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**B**est-built American trucks seven years running. For the past seven consecutive years, Ford quality has led all other American automotive companies. That's based on an average of owner-reported problems in a series of surveys of '81-'87 models designed and built in North America.

Economy and productivity are vital to your business, so naturally you're looking for a compact cargo van that's engineered to operate efficiently and built tough to work hard.

Choosing Aerostar Van from Ford is a smart decision, and for a lot of reasons. Its aerodynamic shape not only looks great but contributes to fuel efficiency — and that means dollars saved at the gas pump.

Aerostar Van delivers plenty of standard V-6 power, tracks smoothly over a variety of road conditions, handles quite capably when necessary, maneuvers into and out of tight places with ease, and carries hefty payloads in a spacious cargo compartment.

The seating and instrumentation are designed to maximize comfort and convenience — to make the job of driving less of a chore and more of a pleasure. And that's important, especially to someone who logs hundreds

of hard miles in tight city traffic every working week.

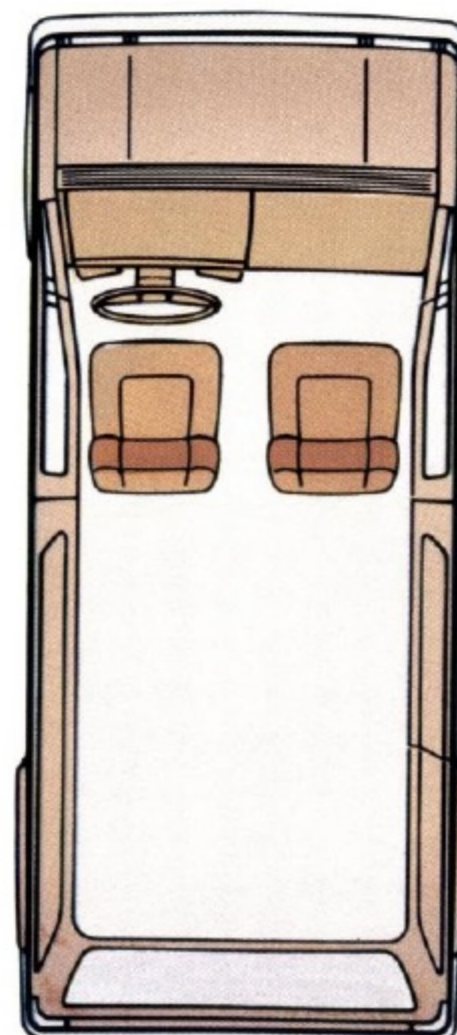
Ford offers one highly equipped Aerostar van series in your choice of cargo or window van style. It's built tough with a commitment to quality and backed by extensive warranty coverage, such as 6 years or 60,000 miles on major powertrain components. Ford Aerostar Van — it's a partner you need in your business.



*Aerostar's instrument cluster is ergonomically designed for your convenience. Controls are easy to reach; gauges are easy to read.*



*Vinyl front bucket seats, shown here in Regatta Blue, are standard. Cloth front Captain's Chairs are optional.*



*Aerostar provides 140.3 cu. ft. of usable cargo volume.*

*Aerostar vans in Bright Regatta Blue Clearcoat Metallic and Medium Red Clearcoat Metallic.*



# FORD AEROSTAR VAN: VERSATILE DESIGN. RUGGED ENGINEERING.

**A**erostar Van has greater standard performance than ever before. The 3.0 liter multi-port fuel-injected V-6 engine delivers 145 horsepower at 4,800 rpm and 165 lbs.-ft. of torque at 3,600 rpm. Choose the standard 5-speed manual overdrive transmission or the optional 4-speed automatic overdrive.

The fuel injection system, controlled by Ford's sophisticated EEC-IV computer, optimizes power and provides precise fuel distribution to the cylinders for fuel efficiency.\*

### Big towing and payload ratings

With its V-6 power and traction under the rear wheels, a properly equipped Aerostar Van can tow up to 4,600 pounds — well over 2 tons.\*\* An optional trailer towing package is available.

Aerostar Van for 1988 provides a higher standard payload rating at 1,615 pounds, which can be increased to an optional 2,010 pounds — over a full ton.

### Spacious and convenient

The large sliding side cargo door makes loading and unloading in tight places convenient. In the rear, the easy-opening liftgate swings open to a cargo port that's 56.7 inches wide by 44.4 inches high with no step to get in your way.

Inside, you have 140.3 cubic feet of cargo volume, plus a convenient flat load floor that is protected from nicks and scratches by a standard polypropylene liner.

### Outstanding maneuverability

Design ingenuity has given the spacious Aerostar an overall length of just under 175 inches. Aerostar is shorter than other mini-vans — and that's an advantage when you're maneuvering into a tight space or pulling into your garage. Precise power-assisted rack-and-pinion steering also contributes to Aerostar's outstanding maneuverability.

### Excellent ride and handling

Aerostar's suspension is a 4-corner coil spring system equipped with nitrogen gas-pressurized shock absorbers for excellent ride quality over smooth or rough road conditions.

The suspension is also equipped with components such as a front stabilizer bar and variable-rate rear coil springs, which enhance Aerostar's handling capability.

### Aerostar for recreation

Aerostar Van, in addition to its camper-trailer towing capability, is perfectly suitable for a wide variety of aftermarket RV conversions. Available through your Ford Dealer is the Aerostar RV Prep Van in either cargo or window van models. See page 9 for more information.

\*See gas mileage statement on page 10.  
\*\*Reduced by weight of passengers and cargo in the towing vehicle.

### SPECIFICATIONS AT A GLANCE

Engine	3.0 liter V-6; electronic port-type fuel-injection
Transmission	5-speed manual overdrive (standard); 4-speed Automatic Overdrive (optional)
Clutch linkage	Hydraulic; self-adjusting
Fuel tank	17 gallons
Battery	71-amp-hr. maintenance-free
Alternator	40-amp
Steering	Power rack-and-pinion system; no-lube linkage
Brakes	Power front disc/rear drum
Front suspension	Independent "short/long arm" (SLA) design; springs computer-selected to match GVWR
Rear suspension	Semi-floating coil-link design; variable-rate tapered coil springs
Shock absorbers	Twin-tube nitrogen gas-pressurized
Body construction	Unitized
Payload ratings	1,615 lbs. (standard); 2,010 lbs. (optional)
Tires	P215/70R14 steel-belted radials; all-season tread design
Wheels	5.5JJ, 5-hole



Aerostar has a large sliding side cargo door for easy loading and unloading.



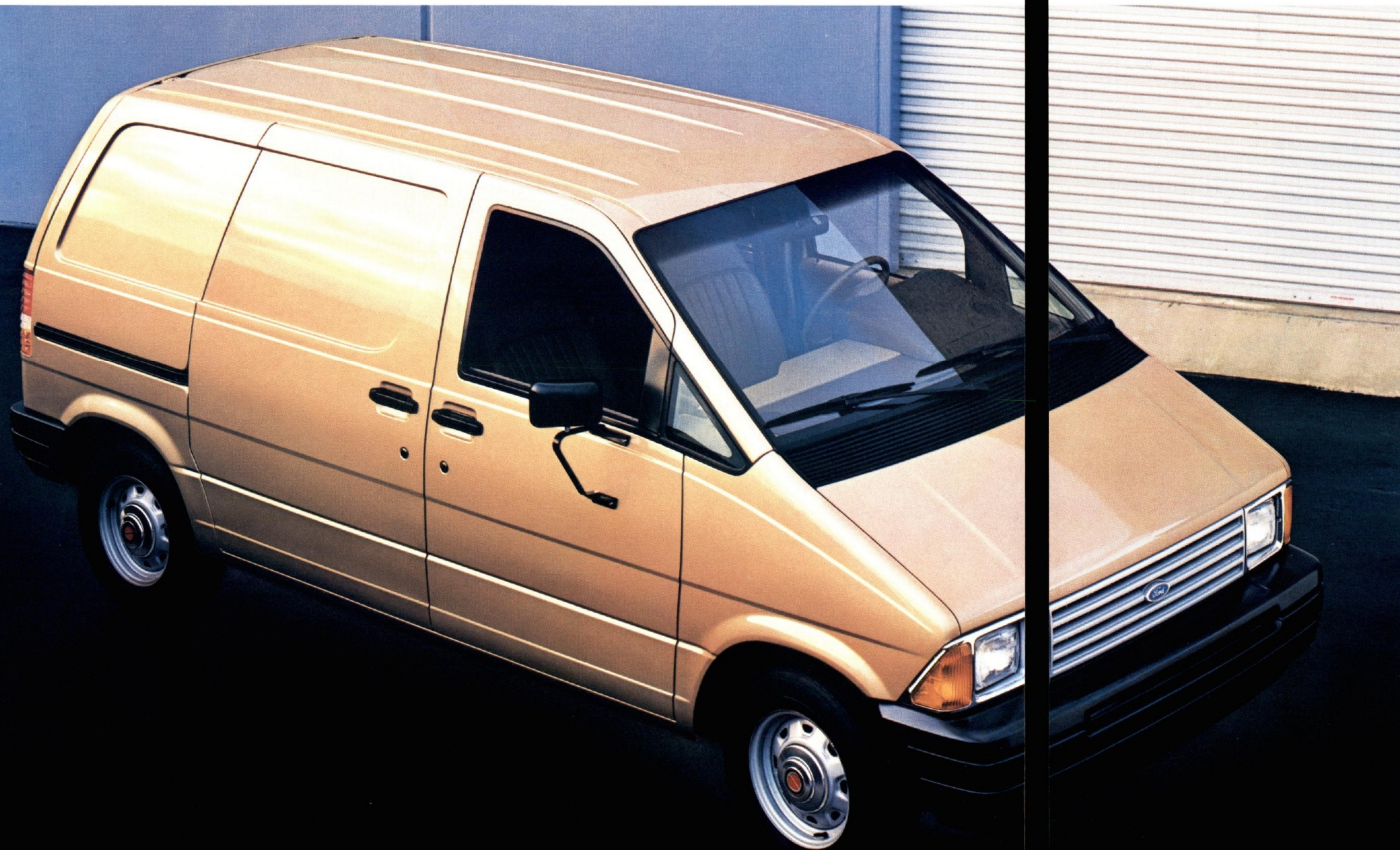
The easy-opening rear liftgate swings open to 140.3 cu. ft. of cargo volume.



A properly equipped Aerostar Van is rated to tow up to 4,600 pounds.



# FORD AEROSTAR VAN PREFERRED EQUIPMENT PACKAGES



**P**referred Equipment Packages make it easy for you to order a well-equipped Aerostar Van equipped as you want it, with features that add up to outstanding value. Not only is ordering easy, but you can save money on the options included in the package you select. The price for the package is less than the price of the options if purchased separately.

Features in the Preferred Equipment Packages are subject to change. For the latest information, consult your Ford Dealer. If you would like to personalize your Aerostar Van even further, choose from the wide range of individual options listed on page 9.

	Preferred Equipment Packages			
	Cargo Van			
	420A	422A	426A	428A
3.0 liter EFI V-6 engine	•	•	•	•
5-speed manual overdrive transmission	•	•	•	•
1,615-lb. payload package	•	•	•	•
Fixed rear window	•	•	•	•
Dual low-back vinyl bucket seats	•	•	•	•
Tinted windshield and front door glass	•	•	•	•
Black outside swingaway mirrors	•	•	•	•
Interval windshield wipers	•	•	•	•
Convenience Group*	•	•	•	•
Speed control and tilt steering wheel	•	•	•	•
Dual front cloth Captain's Chairs	•	•	•	•
Electronic AM/FM stereo radio with digital clock	•	•	•	•

	Preferred Equipment Packages	
	Window Van	
	430A	432A
3.0 liter EFI V-6 engine	•	•
5-speed manual overdrive transmission	•	•
1,615-lb. payload package	•	•
Dual low-back vinyl bucket seats	•	•
Black outside swingaway mirrors	•	•
Interval windshield wipers	•	•
Convenience Group*	•	•
Dual front cloth Captain's Chairs	•	•
Electronic AM/FM stereo radio with digital clock	•	•

\*Includes courtesy light switches (all doors), cargo lamp, underhood lamp, glove box lamp, front reading lamp, ashtray lamp, illuminated entry, under instrument panel lamps, instrument panel vanity panel, locking glove box, and headlamp-on alert.

Aerostar Van in Light Chestnut Clearcoat Metallic.

# FORD AEROSTAR VAN OPTIONS

In addition to the Preferred Equipment Packages, Aerostar Van offers a range of individual options — comfort, convenience and performance features — which allow you to equip your Aerostar Van even more to your particular needs.

Once you've chosen the series and Preferred Equipment Package you desire, find your Preferred Equipment Package number in the chart on page 9, then choose from the options listed under it.

Like the contents of the Preferred Equipment Packages, individual options are subject to change during the year. For the latest information, consult your Ford Dealer.

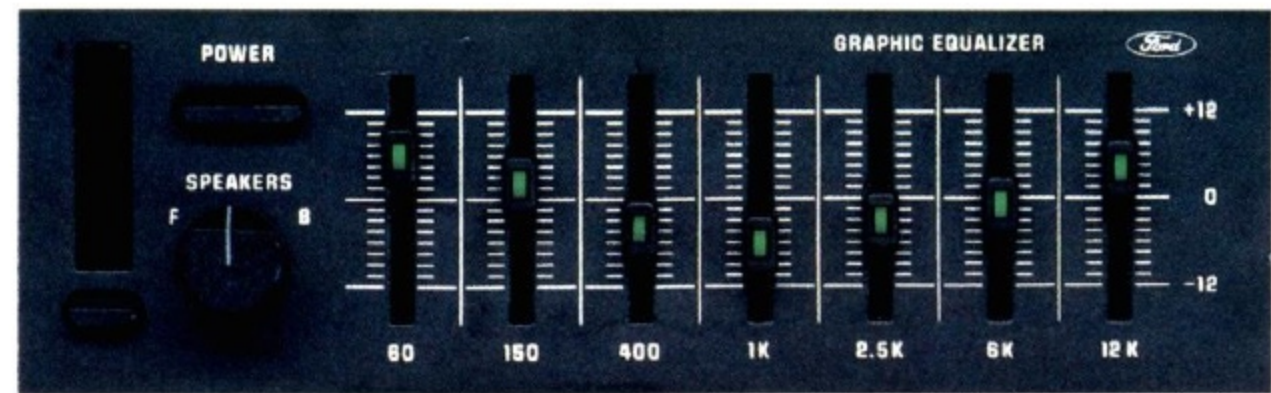


Speed control and tilt steering wheel.

Automatic Overdrive transmission.



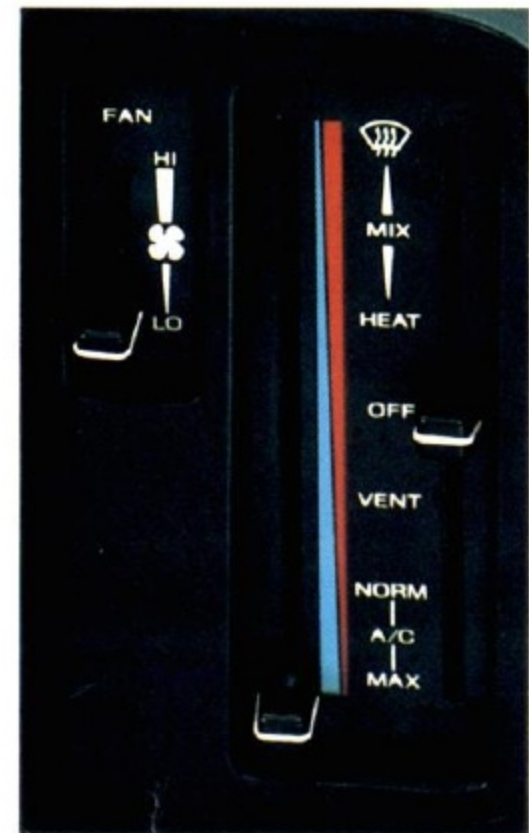
AM/FM stereo radio with cassette tape player (part of Super Sound System).



Graphic equalizer (part of Super Sound System).



Rear window wiper/washer. Heated rear defroster.



Air conditioning.



Black outside swingaway mirrors.

## OPTIONS

■ = Optional    ● = Standard or included in preferred equipment package

	Cargo Van				Window Van	
	420A	422A	426A	428A	430A	432A
Automatic Overdrive transmission	■	■	■	■	■	■
Air conditioning(1)	■	■	■	■	■	■
Speed control and tilt steering wheel	■	■	●	●	■	■
Tinted windshield and front door glass	■	●	●	●	●	●
Dual front cloth Captain's Chairs	■	■	■	●	■	●
Electronic AM/FM stereo radio with digital clock	■	■	■	●	■	●
Electronic AM/FM stereo radio with cassette tape player and digital clock	■	■	■	■	■	■
Radio credit option	■	■	■	■	■	■
Super Sound System(2)	■	■	■	■	■	■
Rear window wiper and washer(3)	■	■	■	■	■	■
Electric rear window defroster	■	■	■	■	■	■
Black outside swingaway mirrors	■	●	●	●	●	●
Side door fixed window	■	■	■	■	■	■
Bright Package(4)	■	■	■	■	■	■
2,010-lb. Payload Package	■	■	■	■	■	■
Trailer Towing Package(5)	■	■	■	■	■	■
Limited-slip rear axle	■	■	■	■	■	■
Engine block heater	■	■	■	■	■	■
Underbody space-saver spare tire	■	■	■	■	■	■
License plate bracket	■	■	■	■	■	■

Note: California emissions system and High Altitude emissions system are optional in Aerostar Van. (1) Includes courtesy light switches (all doors), cargo lamp, underhood lamp, glove box lamp, front reading lamp, ashtray lamp, illuminated entry, under instrument panel lamps, instrument panel vanity panel, locking glove box, headlamp-on alert, plus dash insulation. (2) Electronic AM/FM stereo radio with cassette tape player and digital clock, premium sound amplifier and speakers, and graphic equalizer. (3) Includes interval front wipers. (4) Bright grille and deluxe bumpers. (5) Class I trailer wiring harness, heavy-duty turn signal flasher, and limited slip rear axle.

## AEROSTAR RV-PREP VAN

If you're interested in an aftermarket customized recreational van, you can get started by ordering the Aerostar RV-Prep Van (either cargo or window van model) with standard RV-Prep or Deluxe RV-Prep Package.

The RV-Prep Package includes:

- Speed control/tilt steering wheel
- Tinted glass (windshield and front doors)
- Convenience Group with courtesy light switches, cargo lamp, and instrument panel vanity and glove box
- 2,010-pound payload package
- Front seats not included
- Floor covering/headliner not included
- Door trim panels not included
- Deluxe bumpers and bright grille
- Underbody space-saver spare tire

In addition to the features in the standard RV-Prep Package, the Deluxe RV-Prep Package includes:

- Light Group with underhood lamp, glove box lamp, front reading lamp, under instrument panel lamps, illuminated entry, ashtray lamp, and headlamps-on alert
- Interval windshield wipers
- Power windows, door locks, and electric remote-control mirrors
- Leather-wrapped steering wheel
- Electronic instrument cluster

Cargo and window van models with the Deluxe Package include air conditioning for your comfort. Additional options can also be ordered, deluxe two-tone paint treatment among them. For complete details, see your Ford Dealer.

## COLORS & TRIMS

Interior Trim Colors			Exterior Colors
Medium Grey	Regatta Blue	Chestnut	
X		X	Raven Black
X		X	Medium Red
	X		Spinnaker Blue
X	X	X	Colonial White
		X	Light Chestnut
X	X		Silver Clearcoat Metallic
X	X		Bright Regatta Blue Clearcoat Metallic
X			Shadow Grey Clearcoat Metallic
X	X		Deep Shadow Blue Clearcoat Metallic
X		X	Medium Red Clearcoat Metallic
		X	Light Chestnut Clearcoat Metallic
		X	Dark Chestnut Clearcoat Metallic

Some of these paint colors are shown in this catalog. On the printed page, of course, colors are at best only representative of the originals. Your Ford Dealer can show you actual samples of the paint colors presented above as well as interior trim materials.



Raven Black



Medium Red



Spinnaker Blue



Colonial White



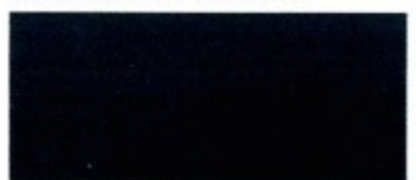
Light Chestnut



Silver Clearcoat Metallic



Bright Regatta Blue Clearcoat Metallic



Shadow Grey Clearcoat Metallic



Deep Shadow Blue Clearcoat Metallic



Medium Red Clearcoat Metallic



Light Chestnut Clearcoat Metallic



Dark Chestnut Clearcoat Metallic

# SAFETY AND OWNER BENEFITS

**F**ord Motor Company strongly encourages all passengers to use their safety belts. In Aerostar Van, front seat lap and shoulder belts have automatic retractors.

Ford urges the use of child and infant restraints. Ford's easy-to-install Tot-Guard (for children 20 to 50 pounds) and Infant Carrier (for children up to 20 pounds) are available at all Ford Dealers. If a child restraint requires a top-tether, Ford trucks provide special anchorages.



### Ford Lifeguard Design Safety Features

#### Vehicle operation

- Split service hydraulic brake system with warning light
- Corrosion-resistant brake lines
- Turn indicator lever with lane-changing signal feature
- Hazard warning flasher
- Backup lights
- Side marker lights
- Parking lights coupled with headlamps
- Two-speed windshield wipers
- Windshield washers
- Dual outside rearview mirrors
- Glare-

reduced instrument panel, windshield wiper arms and windshield pillars

- Uniform transmission shift quadrant with starting switch (on all vehicles equipped with automatic transmission)
- Continuously variable control illumination intensity (instrument cluster lighting)
- Safety hood latch system
- Function-rated windshield defroster system
- Tamper-resistant (non-reversing) odometer
- Speedometer with highlighted 55 mph

#### Occupant protection

- Safety-designed front end structure
- Two-position door safety latches
- Integral lap and shoulder belts with automatic retractors
- Positive safety belt fastening reminder warning light and buzzer for the driver's seat
- Energy-absorbing steering column and steering wheel
- Energy-absorbing armrests and safety-designed door handles
- Energy-absorbing instrument panel with padding for the passenger
- Energy-absorbing sun visors
- Safety glove box latch
- Inside yieldaway rearview mirror
- Impact-absorbing laminated safety glass windshield
- Flame-resistant interior materials
- Safety-designed coat hook
- Safety-designed radio control knobs and push buttons

#### Anti-theft

- Locking steering column with key warning buzzer or chime (with "Park" interlock or push button for key release)
- Visible vehicle identification number

### 6-year/60,000-mile powertrain warranty

Ford's powertrain warranty covers all 1988 cars and light trucks for 6 years or 60,000 miles, whichever comes first. This limited warranty covers major powertrain components. Certain restrictions and deductible apply. Ask your dealer for a copy.

#### Gas mileage

EPA mileage estimates for the 1988 Aerostar were not available at the time this catalog was approved for printing. As soon as EPA figures are released, your Ford Dealer will be among the first to receive this information and will be happy to pass it along to you.

#### Uniprime system

The "Uniprime," primer system is a high-build cathodic electrocoat body primer material with higher film thickness than similar conventional processes. It offers excellent corrosion protection, good paint adhesion and paint coverage in hard-to-reach areas, and is just one of 15 different operations required to prepare the body for painting.



Participating Ford Dealers offer the Lifetime Service Guarantee, which guarantees their customer-paid work on your Ford vehicle for as long as you own it. This means that the covered repair is paid for once and never again. If it ever has to be fixed again, the repairing dealer will fix it free. Free parts. Free labor. Even if the vehicle is kept

a lifetime. It doesn't matter where it was purchased, or whether it's new or used; the work is still covered by the repairing dealer. Ask to see this limited warranty when you visit your participating Ford Dealer.



Optional Ford Extended Service Plans cover major components on new Ford cars and trucks for longer than the vehicle's basic warranty. The cost for this added protection is so moderate that it could pay for itself the first time you need it. Your Ford Dealer has full details.

**Ford Credit** Ford Motor Credit Company is interested in helping to fill the transportation needs of every qualified buyer of a Ford product. A participating dealer can arrange financing terms or a Red Carpet Lease® tailored to your circumstance. Ford Credit has offices conveniently located throughout the United States.



Genuine Ford and Motorcraft original equipment replacement parts meet the same high standards as those installed in production.

#### Scheduled maintenance

Here are some examples of scheduled maintenance intervals for the 1988 Ford Aerostar. For complete maintenance recommendations, refer to the Aerostar Maintenance Schedule Booklet.

Engine oil change	each 7,500 miles or 6 months
Spark plug change	each 30,000 miles
Air filter replacement	each 30,000 miles
Engine coolant replacement	each 30,000 miles or 3 years

### Ford-paid repair programs after the warranty period

Sometimes Ford offers adjustment programs to pay all or part of the cost of certain repairs. These programs are intended to assist owners and are in addition to the warranty or to required recalls.

#### Technical service bulletins

All vehicles need repairs during their lifetime. Sometimes Ford issues technical service bulletins (TSBs) and easy-to-read explanations describing unusual engine or transmission conditions which may lead to costly repairs, the recommended repairs, and new repair procedures. Often a repair now can prevent a more serious repair later.

#### For more information...

Ask Ford Motor Company or your Ford or Lincoln-Mercury dealer about Ford-paid repair programs and/or TSBs relating to your vehicle.

To get copies of materials for your vehicle or the vehicle of interest to you: Call Ford toll-free at 1-800-241-3673. Alaska/Hawaii call 1-800-241-3711 and in Georgia call 1-800-282-0959.

Or write Ford at:  
 Ford Customer Information System  
 Post Office Box 95427  
 Atlanta, Georgia 30347

We'll need your name and address; year, make, model and vehicle identification number, as well as engine size.

#### Options availability

Options shown or described in this catalog are available at extra

cost and may be offered only in combination with other options and subject to additional ordering requirements or limitations.

#### Product changes

Ford Division reserves the right to change product specifications at any time without incurring obligations.

### "Ask your Ford Dealer"

Following publication of this catalog, certain changes in standard equipment, options, prices and the like, or product delays, may have occurred which would not be included in these pages. Your Ford Dealer is your best source for up-to-date information.

**Buy or lease a new Aerostar Van.**



Your safety is a major concern at Ford. Do your part by always buckling up your safety belt.

### Measurements

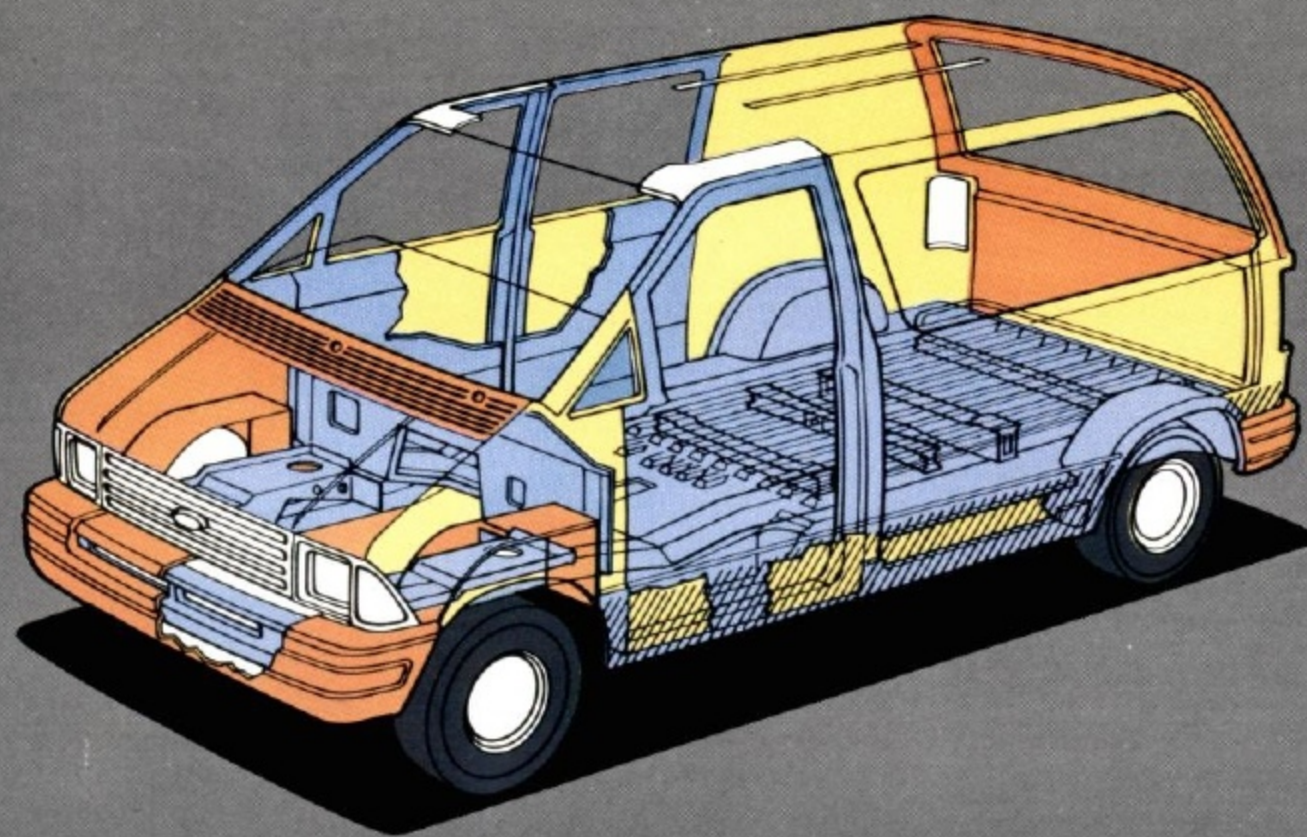
<b>EXTERIOR</b>	
Overall Length	174.9"
Overall Width	71.7"
Overall Height	72.7"
Wheelbase	118.9"
Front Tread	61.5"
Rear Tread	60.0"
<b>FRONT COMPARTMENT</b>	
Head Room	39.5"
Leg Room	41.0"
<b>REAR COMPARTMENT</b>	
Cargo Length at Floor	86.0"
Cargo Width at Floor	64.5"
Cargo Width at Wheelhouse	48.2"
Maximum Cargo Height	47.9"
Cargo Floor to Ground	25.6"
Cargo Volume (cu. ft.)	140.3
Standard Payload (lbs.)	1,615
Maximum Payload (lbs.)	2,010
Maximum Trailer Towing (lbs.)	4,600
Fuel Capacity (gallons)	17.0



Tot-Guard, for children 20 to 50 pounds, is available at your Ford Dealer.

### 6-year/100,000-mile corrosion protection

Corrosion warranty coverage for body panel rust-through is 6 years or 100,000 miles, whichever comes first. See your Ford Dealer for details and a copy of this limited warranty.



- Plastic
- Two-sided galvanized steel
- One-sided galvanized steel
- Urethane spray

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