

Ford F550: Unscheduled Maintenance (Repairs)

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Date	Mileage	Location	Service Performed	Cost	Comments
8/25/04	11,139.0	Green Ford Sales, Inc., Abilene, KS.	Rear oil seal is leaking. Part is ordered and should arrive tomorrow.	\$0.00	Picked up after gasket replacement 8/27/04.
12/30/04	18,767.2	Dallas Hollar Ford, Harrisonburg, VA	Check coolant leak and try to fix. Retorqued head bolts; slowed it down. Recommended NOT getting head gasket replaced; recommended trying "Stop Leak" instead and watching coolant level.	\$0.00	
1/17/05	20,099.4	Tim Stewart Ford, Tucker, GA	Pressure test coolant system. Leak so slow that they cannot see it. Recommend AGAINST adding stop leak; most dealers will not honor warranty if they find stop leak in coolant.	\$0.00	
1/24/05	20,232.4	Tim Stewart Ford, Tucker, GA	Coolent leak from EGR cooler connector onto top of engine under turbo. Replaced EGR cooler fittings.	\$0.00	Picked up on 1/2/05. Originally got connector for standard EGR cooler. We need the larger one that is part of the towing package.
4/27/05	24,365.0	Dick Utter Ford, Denton, TX	Drivers window rattle: replaced window regulator. Drivers windshield washer nozzle aimed incorrectly: replaced nozzle.	\$0.00	Had to take back in the afternoon: window made banging sound when rolled down and sometimes would not roll down or up. "Adjustment". Later: window rattles worse than ever on bumpy roads; passenger door window also starting to creak and rattle while rolling down.
5/10/05	26,006.1	Flagstaff Service Center, Inc., Flagstaff, AZ	Kelderman Air Ride was leaking about 5psi every 20 minutes. Tech checked for leaks back to front. Leak was at the front: valve stem in bleed valve was loose and leaking. Tightened.	\$46.23	To be reimbursed by Chariot Vans, Inc.
6/23/05	29,100.0	Weaverville Glass & Son, 109 Washington St., Weaverville, CA 96093, 530-623-2390	Windshield broken by rock thrown up by passing truck. Ordered windshield 6/24/05. Fixed 7/5/2005 (29,657.8 miles). Total cost: \$571.73; paid \$100 deductible.	\$100.00	Mileage is approximately when the windshield was broken.
7/27/05	30,892.0	Mills Ford, 1600 W. Lincoln Avenue, Anaheim, CA.	Recalls: 05S34 Fuel Injector Control Module Wiring Harness Repair; 59B01 One-Time Customer Assurance Test Drive.	\$0.00	Odometer show 30,894.2 when we picked up the truck. So, "customer assurance test drive" was about two miles.
10/6/05	34,305.6	Brookings-Harbor Ford, Brookings, OR	Recall: 05E15: Replace exhaust pressure sensor and update PCM.	\$0.00	Customer assurance test drive: 34,309.2-34,305.6=3.6 miles.
4/7/06	36,059.0	Ukiah Ford, Ukia, CA	Replace turbo output tube. NOTE: Basic warranty expired at 36,000 miles. Are now on diesel-only 100,000 mile extended warranty. Rest of the truck is NOT covered by warranty. Diesel repairs will require payment of \$100 deductible each time.	\$100.00	About 50 miles before the service was done we suddenly lost power at the top of a long hill. Engine was also very loud. Found that hose from turbo had popped off. Replaced it three times before dropping trailer at Willits, CA, KOA. Dealer had to replace it twice to get it to stay; fittings and tube must be PERFECTLY clean at time of installation, or it will blow off again. Noted oil inside turbo tube. Was told by Ukiah Ford service rep that this is normal.
4/18/06	37,305.0	Homes Tuttle Ford, Tucson, AZ	Rear fuel fill hose replacement; battery service.	\$317.15	(1) Suspension shackle bolt rubs hose when trailer is hitched; nearly worn through. Replaced hose with longer one and rerouted it slightly. Split old hose and wrapped around new one as additional shield. (2) Battery had some corrosion on one terminal.
6/22/06	41,843.2	Covington Ford, Inc., Covington, VA, 540-962-3941	Install new mudflaps. Check & lub driver window mechanism to get rid of rattle. Ordered new rear seat-belt shoulder straps. Tried to get replacement for rear fuel fill cover. but Ford has nothing	\$214.28	
6/29/06	41,936.4	Covington Ford, Inc., Covington, VA, 540-962-3941	Warranty replacement of rear shoulder straps in attempt to fix overtightening.	\$0.00	Warranty on restraint systems is 50,000 miles or 5 years. We have about 9,000 miles left on this warranty. Doing this work in preparation for Henning's arrival; don't want to crush him
7/17/06	43,042.6	Sankbeil Rire Service, Dellslow, WV	Right-rear-outer tire had leak. Fixed.	\$21.20	Visited a total of five places before giving up on finding someone who could balance a tire on a 19.5" rim. Sankbeil was supposed to put a product called Equal in the tire to balance it, but the kid who did the repair did not do it. Will have to get the tire balanced in DC area.
9/20/06	46,370.0	Covington Ford, Inc., Covington, VA, 540-962-3941	Weld fender braces under rear of pickup bed.	\$16.20	Was also going to replace rear fuel fill cover, but Chariot gave me wrong part number.
1/6/07	50,037.0	Timberland Ford, Perry, FL	Replaced air filter.	\$64.15	Air filter light came on the day before. Drove a total of 82 miles with the light on before we could get it replaced.
3/23/07	53,552.0	Dick Utter Ford, Denton, Tx	Check throttle foot pedal. Night before the throttle became unresponsive for a short time. Techs could not replicate the problem, and truck has been fine since	\$0.00	
6/11/07	58,121.0	Keesee Ford, Cortez, CO	Battery light coming on. Most likely cause: alternator going bad. Odometer reading same in/out (no test drive).	\$500.16	Testing showed low alternator voltage with no load. Voltage dropped when load applied. Conclusion: alternator failing. Part was ordered on 6/12/07 and should arrive 6/13/07. Truck should be ready for pickup on 6/14/07. Batteries test okay; should be good for another year or two.
11/13/07	64,399.0	Les Schwab, Brookings, OR	New tires and batteries. Original rear tires have less than the legal tread; front are almost as bad. Original batteries will not hold a charge.	\$1,674.04	Original tires made by General. Les Schwab said that they could not get General tires; replaced them with Double Coin tires. Cannot get Ford batteries (Ford dealer in town just went out of business). Replaced with Xtreme Power Batter (65 XT). Old batteries were 750A cold cranking; new ones are 900A.
2/1/08	65,114.8	Harper Ford, Eureka, CA	Truck leaving spots on driveway. Leaking oil and/or coolant. Dropped off truck on Friday 2/1/2008; work to start Monday. Work covered by warranty (\$100 deductible). Picked up truck on 2/15/2008 @ 65,272.0 miles.	\$100.00	Replaced all oil seals in engine; replaced head gasket. They do this because to get to any of the seals requires pulling the engine out the front; major job. Replaced head gasket because it was beginning to weep. Picked up 2/8/2008. Never got home. Transmission running hot. Returned truck to Harper Ford. Picked up for second time 2/15/2008. Tech had plugged transmission cooler when he disconnected it from the engine and forgot to unplug it. Fix was to restore transmission cooler connections.
Total:				\$3,153.41	