

# Goss' Garage

## VEHICLE ROAD TEST AND REVIEW

My tests are very different than most as I don't care how fast a car can go around a corner, if it is two-tenths of a second faster to sixty or how well it does at the track because I don't take my cars to the track. Actually I don't consider performance at all unless it is so bad the vehicle can not be recommended. Only you can determine what meets your performance expectations. My tests deal with practical aspects of long-term vehicle ownership including the difficulty of performing basic services which are becoming very costly on some models.

Although I give some subjective ratings (5 excellent, 1 poor) it is best that you spend seat-time in the vehicle because what I like you might hate. A good way to become really acquainted with a vehicle without buying it is to rent the same car for a weekend and drive it under lots of different conditions. Never buy a car in the rain. Never buy a car without a road test and inspection of the actual car you will drive home. In other words just road testing a demonstrator is not acceptable as no two cars are exactly alike.

I also do not compare vehicles to others of a different class and I do not set a standard above what the car was designed to provide. For instance, I don't compare the ride and handling of an entry-level vehicle to an upscale prestige model. For more help in buying the right car visit our buying help section. Drive Gently --- Pat Goss.

### VEHICLE STATISTICS

YEAR 2009 MAKE Ford MODEL F150 ENGINE 5.4  
TRANSMISSION Auto 6 BODY STYLE Crew MILES AT TEST 6,200  
DRIVE WHEELS --- FRONT  REAR  ALL-WHEEL  FOUR-WHEEL   
TEST DATE 02-09 WEATHER Clear 40° MSRP 42,355  
NOTES OFF ROAD

### OBSERVED MILES PER GALLON

HIGHWAY  CITY  COMBINED 16.4  
NOTES \_\_\_\_\_  
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**COMFORT**

SEATS --- 5 \_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_ 3  2 \_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_

STEERING WHEEL --- 5 \_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_ 3  2 \_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_

LEFT ARM REST --- 5 \_\_\_ 4  3 \_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_

CENTER ARM REST --- 5 \_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_ 3  2 \_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_

PEDAL POSITION --- 5 \_\_\_ 4  3 \_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_

GAUGE VISIBILITY --- 5  4 \_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_

COMPLEXITY OF CONTROLS --- 5  4 \_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_

CONTROL ERGONOMICS --- 5 \_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_ 3  2 \_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_

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**SAFETY**

VISIBILITY FORWARD --- 5 \_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_ 3  2 \_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_

VISIBILITY REARWARD --- 5 \_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_ 3  2 \_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_

VISIBILITY LEFT --- 5 \_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_ 3  2 \_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_

VISIBILITY RIGHT --- 5 \_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_ 3  2 \_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_

MIRROR VISIBILITY INSIDE --- 5 \_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_ 3  2 \_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_

MIRROR VISIBILITY OUTSIDE RIGHT --- 5 \_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_ 3  2 \_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_

MIRROR VISIBILITY OUTSIDE LEFT --- 5 \_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_ 3  2 \_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_

ABS --- YES  NO \_\_\_

TRACTION CONTROL --- YES \_\_\_ NO

ANTI SLIP REGULATION --- YES \_\_\_ NO

LANE AVOIDANCE --- YES \_\_\_ NO

DROWSINESS MONITOR --- YES \_\_\_ NO

BACKUP CAMERA --- YES  NO

BACKUP ALERT --- YES  NO

FRONT PARK ALERT --- YES  NO

SIGNAL MIRRORS --- YES  NO

HOW WELL DOES IT HANDLE --- 5  4  3  2  1

NOTES Rough Low Speed Ride

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### CONVENIENCE

TRUNK ACCESS --- 5  4  3  2  1

TRUNK VOLUME --- 5  4  3  2  1

USABLE CUP HOLDERS --- 5  4  3  2  1  NUMBER

STEERING WHEEL CONTROLS FOR --

-- AUDIO --- YES  NO

-- CLIMATE CONTROL --- YES  NO

-- TELEPHONE --- YES  NO

-- CRUISE CONTROL --- YES  NO

BLUETOOTH EQUIPPED --- YES  NO

HOME LINK --- YES  NO

POWER DRIVER'S SEAT --- YES  NO

POWER PASS SEAT --- YES  NO

HEATED SEATS --- YES  NO

COOLED SEATS --- YES  NO

LUMBAR SUPPORT --- YES  NO

REAR SEAT ROOM --- 5  4  3  2  1

AUTO DIM REAR VIEW MIRROR INSIDE --- YES  NO

AUTO DIM OUTSIDE MIRROR --- YES  NO

FOLDING REAR SEATS --- YES  NO

NOTES Nice Interior Design

**THE REALLY IMPORTANT THINGS**

OIL CHANGE DIFFICULTY --- 5  4  3  2  1

OIL FILTER DIFFICULTY --- 5  4  3  2  1

SPARK PLUG DIFFICULTY --- 5  4  3  2  1

WATER PUMP DIFFICULTY --- 5  4  3  2  1

DRIVE BELT DIFFICULTY --- 5  4  3  2  1

TIRE / WHEEL DAMAGE RISK --- 5  4  3  2  1

AIR FILTER DIFFICULTY --- 5  4  3  2  1

BATTERY DIFFICULTY --- 5  4  3  2  1

THERMOSTAT DIFFICULTY --- 5  4  3  2  1

HEADLAMP REPLACEMENT DIFFICULTY --- 5  4  3  2  1

OTHER LAMPS DIFFICULTY --- 5  4  3  2  1

UNIQUE WIPER BLADES --- YES  NO

TIRE ROTATION POSSIBLE --- YES  NO

OVERALL REPAIR COMPLEXITY --- 5  4  3  2  1

PROPRIETARY TOOLS FOR ROUTINE SERVICES --- YES  NO  ???

REQUIRES UNUSUAL ENGINE OIL --- YES  NO

REQUIRES SPECIAL COOLANT --- YES  NO

REQUIRES SPECIAL TRANSMISSION FLUID --- YES  NO

USES REGULAR FUEL --- YES  NO

"RECOMMENDS" PREMIUM FUEL --- YES  NO

"REQUIRES" PREMIUM FUEL --- YES  NO

NOTES Nice To Repair Most Service Items  
Extremely Easy

**OBSERVED QUALITY**

INTERIOR MATERIALS --- 5  4  3  2  1

EXTERIOR MATERIALS --- 5  4  3  2  1

INTERIOR FIT --- 5  4  3  2  1

EXTERIOR FIT --- 5  4  3  2  1

STAINLESS STEEL EXHAUST --- YES  NO

TIMING CHAIN  BELT

TRUNK FINISH --- 5  4  3  2  1

PAINT QUALITY --- 5  4  3  2  1

UNPAINTED PLASTIC ON EXTERIOR --- YES  NO

MY GENERAL IMPRESSION OF THIS VEHICLE --- 5  4  3  2  1

NOTES AND COMMENTS Very poor Finish on sheet metal  
Below windows