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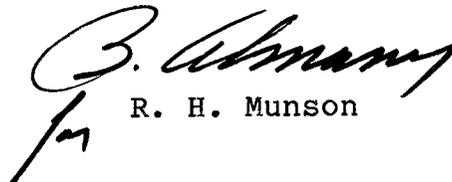
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ELEMENT CODING INFORMATION**

I. World Manufacturer Identifier (WMI)
(VIN Positions 1, 2 and 3)

<u>VIN Code</u>	<u>Vehicle Manufacturer</u>	<u>Make</u>	<u>Type</u>
** 1LN	Ford Motor Company, USA	Lincoln	Passenger Car
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WFL	Ford-Werke, A.G., West Germany	Merkur	Passenger Car

II. Restraint System Type for Passenger Cars Only
(VIN Position 4)

<u>VIN Code</u>	<u>Passenger Car Identifiers</u>
B	Active Belts (all designated seating positions)
P	Passive Belts (front)/Active Belts (rear)
C	Active Belts (all designated seating positions) plus Driver Air Bag
DC [/]	Active Belts (front)/No Restraints (rear)

III. Ford Passenger Car Identifiers
(VIN Position 5)

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IV. Line, Series and Body Type for Passenger Cars
(VIN Positions 6 and 7)

<u>VIN Code</u>	<u>Make</u>	<u>Carline</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Body Type</u>	<u>Body Code</u>
06	Ford	Festiva	L	2-Dr. Sedan Hatchback	---
07	Ford	Festiva	LX	2-Dr. Sedan Hatchback	---
10	Ford	Escort ^{a/}	None Designated	2-Dr. Sedan Hatchback	61D
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V. Engine Type - Displacement, Cylinders, Fuel Type, Manufacturer and Horsepower (H.P.) Ratings
(VIN Position 8)

Passenger Car

<u>VIN Code</u>	<u>Displacement</u> <u>Litre</u>	<u>CID</u>	<u>Cylinders</u>	<u>Fuel</u>	<u>Manufacturer</u>	<u>Memo: Net Brake H.P.</u>
K	1.3-2V	79	I-4	Gasoline	Mazda Motor Corporation	TBD
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(VIN Position 11)

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(VIN Positions 12 through 17)

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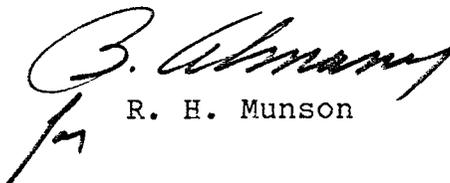
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