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### **SUBJECT** 2002-2008 Ford Focus – bonnet access

Traditionally in passenger vehicles, access to release the bonnet is located under the dash on either the driver or passenger's side.

Since the late 2002, up to and including the 2008 models, the Ford Focus released in Australia has included a modified design to release the bonnet catch. The changes to bonnet release location incorporates a keyed locking mechanism behind the Ford oval badge centred on the grill under the front of the bonnet.



2002 LR Model



2008 LT Model

Both source contacts have reported difficulties in locating the bonnet release mechanism when attending road traffic crashes involving the Ford Focus.

The following page outlines the steps to take to open the bonnet:



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- The Ford oval badge swivels to reveal a key operated latch under it;



- The ignition key is used to release the bonnet;



- To open the bonnet turn the key to the left and then release back to the neutral position; and



- Then turn the key fully to the right, this will engage the mechanism.



## TECHNICAL ADVICE

All rescuers should use the information contained in this technical bulletin to assist when attending a road crash involving the Ford Focus model.

Pre-incident planning before attending any road crash through awareness of vehicle systems and features may better prepare rescuers for required actions.

Advice from Ford is that this feature is particular to the Ford Focus, and that other models such as the Fiesta, Mondeo and Ka; use traditional mechanisms located under the dash.

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