Powered to charge

The first supercharged engine to power a domestically built car in more than 30 years is standard equipment in the 1989 Ford Thunderbird Super Coupe. The 3.8-liter V-6 (inset) develops 210 horsepower. Ford last offered a supercharger in 1957 when a limited number of blown Thunderbirds were built. However, there is little resemblance between the supercharger technology on the 1989 models and that used three decades ago.





