

LINCOLN MARK VII TRIP MINDER (MESSAGE CENTER) SELF-TEST

Your Message Center System is equipped with a built-in diagnostic program called “Self-Test.” This feature can help you determine if the Message Center Unit itself is faulty or if there is a problem in one of the information gathering sensors.

To place the Message Center in Self-Test, turn the ignition to on and press the CLOCK and MILES/km buttons simultaneously. To proceed with the tests, press the buttons in the order out lined in the attached chart.

The items appearing in the Display column of the following chart show what the unit should display if it is working properly. The Comment column explains how the display may change during the test. The Possible Fault column identifies specific components that may be faulty if the display does not appear as described.

If you identify a faulty component using the “Self-Test” mode, take your vehicle to your local Ford or Lincoln-Mercury dealer or authorized repair center for service.



Test #	Button	Display	Comment	Possible Faults
1	Clock and Miles/km	00:00 TIME 1	Counts 00:00 thru 99:99	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Message Center • Wiring
2	ALARM	0 FLOW 2	Numbers will increase between .0 and 25.5 with engine running as fuel is consumed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Message Center • Wiring
3	E/TIME	.0 FUEL 3	This number will vary between .0 and 25.5 according to amount of fuel in tank	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Message Center • Wiring • Electronic Instrument Cluster
4	ETA	12.0 DIST 4	Number will increase between .0 and 25.5 with vehicle moving	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Message Center • Wiring • Electronic Instrument Cluster
5	DEST	.0 DIM 5	Number will less than 1.0 with headlights off	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Message Center • Wiring • Headlight Switch
5A	(Turn on headlights)	12.0 DIM 5	Number will vary from 9.0 to 25.5 with headlights on (turn off lights before continuing)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Message Center • Wiring • Headlight Switch
6	DIST	66:66 NNNNNN		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Message Center
7	AV SPD	777.7 ZZZZZZ		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Message Center
8	F/ECON	8888 ++++++		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Message Center
9	DTE	777.7 ZZZZZZ		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Message Center
10	SET	CTM 0	Number will vary depending on production date of unit; tone test	
*11	MILES/k m	66:66 NNNNNN		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Message Center
**11A	MILES/k m	CCCC Flow S	If 0000 appears, contact dealer for wiring harness modifications.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wiring
12	RESET	Returns to clock display	Exit Self-Test and return to normal operation	
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