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# Subject: SPEED CONTROL DEACTIVATION SWITCH

Dear MR. VONDALE:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

# Makes/Models/Model Years:

FORD/BRONCO/1993 FORD/CROWN VICTORIA/1992-1998 FORD/E-150/1997-2002 FORD/E-250/1997-2002 FORD/E-350/1997-2002 FORD/E150/1992-1993 FORD/E150/2003 FORD/E250/1992-1993 FORD/E250/2003 FORD/E350/1992-1993 FORD/E350/2003 FORD/E450/2003 FORD/EXPLORER/1999-2001 FORD/EXPLORER SPORT/2001-2002 FORD/EXPLORER SPORT TRAC/2001-2002 FORD/F-150 LIGHTNING/2003-2004 FORD/F150/1993 FORD/F250/1993 FORD/F350/1993 FORD/F450/1993

# Makes/Models/Model Years Continued:

FORD/F53/1995-2002 FORD/RANGER/1998-2002 FORD/TAURUS SHO/1993-1995 LINCOLN/MARK VIII/1993-1998 LINCOLN/TOWN CAR/1992-1998 MERCURY/CAPRI/1994 MERCURY/GRAND MARQUIS/1992-1998 MERCURY/MOUNTAINEER/1999-2001

NHTSA Campaign Number: 07V-336

Mfg's Report Date: August 2, 2007

**Components:** VEHICLE SPEED CONTROL

Potential Number of Units Affected: 3,600,000

#### **Summary:**

ON CERTAIN PICKUP TRUCKS, PASSENGER VEHICLES, SPORT UTILITY VEHICLES, AND MOTOR HOMES CHASSIS, THE SPEED CONTROL DEACTIVATION SWITCH MAY, UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, LEAK INTERNALLY AND THEN OVERHEAT, SMOKE, OR BURN.

# **Consequence:**

THIS COULD RESULT IN AN UNDERHOOD FIRE.

# **Remedy:**

DEALERS WILL INSTALL A FUSED WIRING HARNESS. OWNERS OF THE PASSENGER CARS INCLUDED IN THIS CAMPAIGN WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO RETURN THEIR VEHICLES TO THEIR DEALERS TO HAVE THE SPEED CONTROL DEACTIVATION SWITCH DISCONNECTED AS AN INTERIM REPAIR. AS SOON AS REPAIR PARTS ARE AVAILABLE (EXPECTED OCTOBER 2007), OWNERS WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO RETURN TO THE DEALERS FOR INSTALLATION OF A FUSED WIRING HARNESS. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON AUGUST 13, 2007, AND MAILING COMPLETED BY SEPTEMBER 19, 2007. OWNERS MAY CONTACT FORD AT 1-800-392-3673.

# Notes:

FORD RECALL NO. 05S28. CUSTOMERS MAY ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO T<u>O HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GO</u>V.

This recall was the subject of an Engineering Analysis, EA05-005, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at <u>Patricia.wallace@dot.gov</u>, <u>Delia.lopez@dot.gov</u>, or through the office email at <u>RMD.ODI@dot.gov</u>. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

George H. Person Chief, Recall Management Division Office of Defects Investigation Enforcement