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**National Highway
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Dear

Thank you for your correspondence dated December 21, 2004, requesting to know whether a recall has been issued on the moonroof installed in 2002 Ford Explorer sport utility vehicles (SUV). Your correspondence was received on January 12, 2005. Due to limited resources we were not able to respond to you in a more timely manner. We regret any inconvenience our delay may have caused you.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is the Federal agency responsible for improving safety on our Nation's highways. We are authorized to order manufacturers to recall and repair vehicles or items of motor vehicle equipment when our investigations indicate that they contain serious safety defects in their design, construction, or performance. We also monitor the adequacy of manufacturers' recall campaigns. In order for the agency to initiate an investigation, we look carefully at the body of consumer complaints and other available data to determine whether a defect may exist. We cannot act on isolated problems or resolve disputes between individual owners, dealers, or manufacturers.

NHTSA's Office of Defects Investigation has no record of a safety recall that affects the moonroof installed in 2002 Ford Explorer SUVs. For your information, we have enclosed a summary listing of all safety recalls affecting 2002 Ford Explorer SUVs. To determine whether your vehicle is subject to a safety recall, please contact your local dealership or Ford Motor Company, by toll-free telephone at 1-800-392-3673, for further details and have your make, model, model year, and vehicle identification number available for their information.

A review of our database relative to reported problems associated with the visibility system, specifically the moonroof, installed in 2002 Ford Explorer SUVs revealed insufficient evidence to warrant opening a safety defect investigation at this time. The information you provided has been entered into our database. It will be considered with future reports to identify any safety defect trends that may require our attention.



DOT AUTO SAFETY HOTLINE
888-DASH-2-DOT
888-327-4236

Should you encounter a safety-related problem with a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment in the future, you can contact our toll-free DOT Auto Safety Hotline (Hotline) at 1-888-327-4236. One of our representatives may be able to assist you on matters concerning motor vehicle and motor vehicle equipment safety recalls or to report an alleged safety problem. You can also request safety information. If our telephones are busy, or you call during non-working hours, you can leave your name, telephone number, and a brief subject on our recording system. A DOT Hotline representative will return your call.

Additionally, we have an Internet Web site at <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov> that you may want to visit. An electronic Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire (VOQ) is also available on this Web site at <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/ivoq>. This form is for vehicle owners to report safety related problems about their motor vehicles or motor vehicle equipment, e.g., child safety seats, jacks, tires, brake fluid, etc. The reports submitted are transferred to our database and are used to identify safety-related defect trends that require our attention. If you do not have access to the Internet, please use the enclosed VOQ to inform this agency of any future motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment safety problems you may experience. Also, a summary listing of vehicle owners' complaints, safety recalls, manufacturers' service bulletins, etc., can be obtained at <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/problems>.

If further assistance is needed, please contact Mr. Michael J. Jordan, Safety Defects Program Assistant, Correspondence Research Division, Office of Defects Investigation, at (202) 493-0576.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Alberto A. Jimenez", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Alberto A. Jimenez, Chief
Correspondence Research Division
Office of Defects Investigation
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Enclosures