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**National Highway
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Washington, DC 20590

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Oklahoma City, OK [REDACTED]

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Ref. # 10210592

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

Thank you for your correspondence dated November 20, 2007, concerning the difficulty you encountered with the availability of the recall remedy parts for your model year (MY) 1998 Ford Ranger. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Office of Defects Investigation received your correspondence on November 29, 2007.

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.

We appreciate the report you provided. Reports from motorists are a very important source of information for us. We regret any problems you may be experiencing with your vehicle. The interim remedy for safety recall 07V-078 is to disconnect the speed control switch. The disconnection of the speed control switch will mitigate the safety aspect of the defect and will complete the recall campaign. Owners who receive the interim remedy will be notified by Ford Motor Company when the fused wiring harnesses are available. It is NHTSA's understanding that these parts will be available by December 2007. As a customer satisfaction campaign Ford Motors will then reconnect the speed control system at no cost to you. NHTSA strongly recommends that you make an appointment with your local Ford dealership to have your vehicle's speed control switch disconnected as soon as possible.

Should you encounter a safety-related problem with a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment in the future, you can complete an electronic Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire online at



<http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/ivoq>. Also, a summary listing of vehicle owners' complaints, safety recalls, manufacturers' service bulletins, etc. can be obtained at <http://www.dot.gov/cars/problems>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ronald B. Fields". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Ronald B. Fields, Chief
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