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VS.

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FORD MOTOR COMPANY c/o CT CORPORATION 1515 Market Street

Philadelphia, PA 19103

: NO.

#### COMPLAINT

1. Plaintiff is an adult individual citizen and legal resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, residing a Salisbury, PA 15558.

2. Defendant, Ford Motor Company, is a business corporation qualified to do business and regularly conducts business in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania with it's legal residence and principal place of business at P O Box 300 Renaissance Center, Detroit, MI 48243 and can be served at c/o CT Corporation, 1515 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

#### BACKGROUND

- Plaintiff incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 and 2 as fully as if set forth here
- 4. On or about April 22, 2003, Plaintiff purchased a 2003 Ford Excursion (hereinafter referred to as the "vehicle") manufactured and warranted by Defendant bearing the Vehicle Identification Number 1FMSU45F53E The vehicle was purchased in the State of Maryland and registered in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- The price of the vehicle, including registration charges, document fees, sales
   tax, and interest but, excluding other collateral charges not specified, totaled 48,143.93.
- 6. Plaintiff avers that as a result of the ineffective repair attempts made by Defendant through its authorized dealer, the vehicle cannot be utilized for the purposes intended by Plaintiff at the time of acquisition.
- In consideration of the purchase of the above vehicle, Defendant, issued to
   Plaintiff several warranties, fully outlined in the warranty booklet.
- 8. On or about April 22, 2003, Plaintiff took possession of the above mentioned vehicle and experienced nonconformities, which substantially impaired the use, value and/or safety of the vehicle.
  - Said nonconformities consisted of, but were not limited to defective engine.
- 10. The nonconformities violate the express written warranties issued to Plaintiff by Defendant.
- Plaintiff avers the vehicle has been subject to repair more than three (3) times
  for the same nonconformities, and the nonconformities remains uncorrected.

- 12. Plaintiff has delivered the nonconforming vehicle to an authorized service and repair facility of the defendant on namerous occasions. After a reasonable number of attempts, Defendant was unable to repair the nonconformities.
- The vehicle continues to exhibit defects and nonconformities which substantially impair it's use, value and/or safety.
- 14. Plaintiff avers the vehicle has been subject to additional repair attempts for defects and/or nonconformities and/or conditions for which the Defendant and or it's authorized service center, may not have maintained records.
- 15. Plaintiff seeks relief for losses due to the nonconformities and defects in the above mentioned vehicle in addition to attorney fees and all court costs.

# COUNT I MARYLAND AUTOMOBILE LEMON LAW CLAIM

- 16. Plaintiff hereby incorporates all facts and allegations set forth in this Complaint by reference as if fully set forth at length herein.
  - Plaintiff is a "Consumer" as defined by §14-1501.
- Defendant is a "Manufacturer" as defined by §5-201(b), (c), and (e) of the Transportation Article.
- Plaintiff's vehicle is a "Motor Vehicle" as defined by §14-1501 (b) of the Commercial Law Articles.
- 20. Said vehicle experienced non conformities within the first fifteen (15) months following the date of original delivery, which substantially impairs the use, value and safety of said vehicle.
  - Defendant failed to correct and or repair said nonconformities.

- 22. The vehicle continues to exhibit defects and nonconformities which substantially impair it's use, value and/or safety.
- 23. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's failure to repair the nonconformities, Plaintiff has suffered damages and, in accordance with 73 P.S. § 1958, Plaintiff is entitled to bring suit for such damages and other legalandequitable relief.

24.Plaintiff avers that upon successfully prevailing upon the Lemon Law claim herein, all attorney fees are recoverable and are demanded against the Defendant.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully demands judgment in his favor and against the Defendant in an amount equal to three (3) times the purchase price of the subject vehicle, plus all available collateral changes and attorney fees. Amount not in excess of \$50,000.00.

# COUNT II <u>MAGNUSON-MOSS FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION IMPROVEMENT ACT</u>

- 26. Plaintiff hereby incorporates all facts and allegations set forth in this Complaint by reference as if fully set forth at length herein.
  - 27. Plaintiff is a "Consumer" as defined by 15 U.S.C. §2301(3).
  - Defendant is a "Warrantor" as defined by 15 U.S.C. §2301(5).
- Plaintiff uses the subject product for personal, family and bousehold purposes.
- 30. By the terms of the express written warranties referred to in this Complaint, Defendant agreed to perform effective warranty repairs at no charge for parts and/or labor.
  - Defendant failed to make effective repairs.

- 32. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's failure to comply with the express written warranties, Plaintiff has suffered damages and, in accordance with 15 U.S.C. §2310(d) (1), Plaintiff is entitled to bring suit for such damages and other legal and equitable relief.
  - 33. Section 15 U.S.C. §2310 (d) (1) provides:

If a consumer finally prevails on an action brought under paragraph (1) of this subsection, he may be allowed by the Court to recover as part of the judgment a sum equal to the amount of aggregate amount of costs and expenses (including attorney fees based upon actual time expended), determined by the Court to have been reasonably incurred by the Plaintiff for, or in connection with the commencement and prosecution of such action, unless the Court, in its discretion shall determine that such an award of attorney's fees would be inappropriate.

34. Plaintiff evers that upon successfully prevailing upon the Magnuson-Moss claim betein, all attorney free are recoverable and are demanded against the Defendant.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully demands judgment in his favor and against the Defendant in an amount equal to three (3) times the purchase price of the subject vehicle, plus all available collateral changes and attorney fees. Amount not in excess of \$50,000.00.

# COUNT III UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE

- 35. Ptaintiff hereby incorporates all the paragraphs of this Complaint by reference as if fully set forth at length herein.
- 36. The defects and nonconformities existing within the vehicle constitute a breach of contractual and statutory obligations of the Defendant, including but not limited to the following:
  - a. Breach of Express Warranty
  - Breach of Implied Warranty of Merchantability;

- Breach of Implied Warranty of Fitness For a Particular Purpose;
- d. Breach of Duty of Good Faith.
- 37. The purpose for which Plaintiff purchased the vehicle include but are not limited to his personal, family and household use.
- 38. At the time of this purchase and at all times subsequent thereto, Plaintiff has justifiably relied upon Defendant's express warranties and implied warranties of fitness for a particular putpose and implied warranty of merchantability.
- 39. At the time of the purchase and at all times subsequent thereto, Defendant was aware Plaintiff was relying upon Defendant's express and implied warranties, obligations, and representations with regard to the subject vehicle.
- 40. Plaintiff has incurred damages as a direct and proximate result of the breach and failure of Defendant to honor its express and implied warranties.
- 41. Such damages include, but are not limited to, the purchase price of the vehicle plus all collateral charges, including attorney fees and costs, as well as other expenses, the full extent of which are not yet known.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully demands judgment in his favor and against the Defendant in an amount equal to three (3) times the purchase price of the subject vehicle, plus all available collateral changes and attorney fees. Amount not in excess of \$50,000.00.

# COUNT IV PENNSYLVANIA UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES AND CONSUMER PROTECTION CLAIM

42. Plaintiff hereby incorporates all the paragraphs of this Complaint by

reference as if set forth at length herein.

43. The Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law defines unfair methods of competition to include the following:

(xiv). Failing to comply with the terms of any written guarantee or warranty given to the buyer st, prior to, or after a contract for the purchase of goods or services is made.

44. Plaintiff, as a Permsylvania resident, believes, and therefore, avers the reckless, wanton and willful failure of Defendant to comply with the terms of the written warranty constitutes an unfair method of competition.

45. Section 201-9-2(a) of the <u>Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection</u>

<u>Law</u>, authorizes the Court, in its discretion, to award up to three (3) times the actual damages sustained for violations of the Act.

WHBREFORB, Plaintiff respectfully demands judgment in his favor and against the Defendant in an amount equal to three (3) times the purchase price of the subject vehicle, plus all available collateral changes and attorney fees. Amount not in excess of \$50,000.00.

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DAVID J. GORBERG, ESQUIRE
Attorney for Plaintiff

#### **VERIFICATION**

The undersigned verifies that the Civil Action Complaint is based on information furnished to coursel in the preparation of his/her Lemon Law and/or Breach of Warranty lawsuit. The language of the Civil Action Complaint is that of coursel and not of signer. Signer verifies that the information supplied to counsel is true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge, information and belief. The contents of the Civil Action Complaint is that of coursel and not of signer. This verification is made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

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3RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

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RUSTOM FORD LINCOLN MERCURY INC ST AL

PARTSE OF LINCOLS, LOUISIANA

STATE OF LOUISIANA:

TO: FORD MOTOR COMPANY THROUGH ITS AGENT FOR SERVICE-C T CORPORATION STATEM-8550 UNITED PLAZA BLVD BATOR ROUGE LA 70809

YOU ARE BEREBY CITED to comply with the demand contained in the patition, a certified copy of which accompanies this citation, (exclusive of exhibits). Alternatively, you should file an ensure or other pleading to said patition in the office of the Clerk of the Third Judicial District Court, in the Lincoln Parish Courthouse Ruston, Louisiana, within fifteen (15) days after the service hereof. Your failure to comply herewith will subject you to the panalty of entry of default judgment against you.

WITNESS THE HONORABLE JUDGES of said Court, this AUGUST 23, 2004

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STATE OF LOUISIANA

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DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT

#### PETITION

NOW INTO COURT, through undersigned counsel comes and evers as follows tomajor resident and domicillary of Lincoln Parials with respect shows and evers as follows towit:

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Mede defendant's berein are as follows:

RUSTON FORD-LINCOLN-MERCURY, INC., who can be served through its Agent for Service of Process Gary D. Hoover, 500 North 7th Street, West Mooroe, Louisiana 71291;

FORD MOTOR COMPANY, who can be served through its Agent for Service of Process, C. T. Corporation System, 8550 United Plaza Blvd., Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809; and

TIMOTHY RYAN MABOU, a major resident and domiciliary of Lincoln Parish, who can be served at his place of employment, Ruston Ford.

2

Petitioner purchased a 2003 Ford Excursion automobile from the defendant RUSTON FORD-LINCOLN-MERCURY, INC., on or about August 20, 2003, which will more fully appear from the vehicle invoke, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof marked Exhibit "A".

3.

The vehicle which was purchased and described in Exhibit "A", was manufactured

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by the defendant PORD MOTOR COMPANY.

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During the course of negotiations of the purchased vehicle patitioner had conversation's with TIMOTHY RYAN MABOU who had at all pertinent times hereto as an

agent or employee of defendant, RUSTON FORD-LINCOLN-MERCURY, INC., in the course of those conversations, petitioner specifically asked if the vehicle had ever had any problems which was responded to by the defendant TIMOTHY RYAN MABOU in the negative.

5.

The statements made by the defendant TIMOTHY RYAN MABOU and imparted to his employer RUSTON FORD-LENCOLN-MERCURY, INC., were at the time known by TIMOTHY RYAN MABOU and his employes to be false when in fact the vehicle had, had problems with the injectors prior to the sale of the vehicle.

б.

At the time of the sale of the vehicle described in Exhibit "A", the vehicle contained radhibitory defects which had petitioner known about the defects he would not have purchased the vehicle.

7.

The defects which the vehicle has include but are not limited to the following:

- 1. Problems with the injector system, which exceed the vehicle to become inoperative. Since the purchase of the vehicle of petitioner has been is the shap numerous occasions to include but not limited to the following: Less than two (2) weeks after purchasing the vehicle on August 20, 2003, vehicle was in the thop for approximately two (2) weeks for problems with the injectors.
- On or about October 8, 2003, the vehicle broke down again and was taken to the shop and vehicle was having problems with the injectors. After keeping the vehicle for approximately seven (7) days, the vehicle was returned to petitioner.
- During the month of November, a fuel warning light came on indicating
  water in the fuel and the vehicle was brought to the shop for this condition
  and was told that it was a faulty sensor and a part would have to be ordered.
- Thereafter, on or about April 5, 2004, the vehicle broke down again the to bad injectors and stayed in the shop on this occasion two (2) days.
- 5. On or about April 11, 2004, the vehicle broke down again with bad injectors

and was once again in the shop for a period of twelve (12) days.

6. On or about April 26, 2004, the vehicle broke down again and was in the aliep for a period of eighteen (18) days and retorned to peritioner on or about May 14, 2004 from April 26, 2004 due to bed injectors and returned to him on May 14, 2004. Mysterfoutly during the time period the vehicle was in the aliep between April 26, 2004 through May 14, 2004, the defendant's kerein put one thousand two hundred (1,200) miles on the vehicle.

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Petitioner shows that defendant RUSTON FORD-LINCOLN-MERCURY, INC. as well as defendant, FORD MOTOR COMPANY knew or should have known of the defects in the vehicle at the time of the sale August 20, 2003.

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Redibilitary defects which the vehicle passesses or such that the vehicle is absolutely useless to petitioner, as it is not dependable and petitioner further shows that the defendant TIMOTHY RYAN MABOU and his employer RUSTON FORD-LINCOLN-MERCURY, INC., we'll knew that the vehicle had problems with the injectors at the time of the sale and intentionally defrauded petitioner of misrepresenting that fact to petitioner.

10.

Petitioner shows that he is entitled to the recission of sale and return of the entite purchase price as well as reasonable expenses associated with the purchase of the vehicle to include insurance, finance charges, reasonable attorneys fees associated with bringing this cause of action. In addition, to having a cause of action in redhibition, petitioner shows and avera that sale of the vehicle described in Exhibit "A" violates Louisians Lornon Law and therefore petitioner is entitled to recission of sale pursuant to Louisians Revised Statute 51:1941, et seq.

11.

In addition to fraudently misrepresenting to petitioner the mechanical condition of the vehicle, TIMOTHY RYAN MABOU acting during the course and scope of his employment misrepresented to petitioner the status of his credit report indicating that he had problems with his credit thus fraudently inducing petitioner into frauncing through the dealership at a much higher interest rate than what he was entitled to. Petitioner shows that Chris L. Bowman
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the conduct of the defendant TIMOTHY RYAN MABOU constitutes consumer finance fraud and accordingly the financing and security agreement executed by petitioner was executed in violation of the truth and leading disclosure act statiting petitioner to restind the security agreement and recover the entirety of all sums paid by petitioner parameter to the consumer of financing contract which was previously executed by petitioner, a copy which is attached haveto and made a part hereof marked Exhibit "B".

12.

In addition to other specific damages which petitioner is entitled to recover in these proceedings which are outlined herein above, petitioner is entitled to recover additional damages reasonable in the premises which include but not limited to the following:

Loss of use of the vehicle which was purchased by petitioner, together with mental suguish and inconvenience as well as other damages more fully shown at the trial hereof for the fraudulent misrepresentations which are occasioned as a result of the fraudulent misrepresentations of the defendant's herein.

WHEREFORE, PETTFICNER PRAYS that after due proceedings had that these be judgment herein in favor of petitioner and against the defendant's RUSTON FORD-LINCOLN-MERCURY, INC., FORD MOTOR COMPANY and TIMOTHY RYAN MABOU for damages reasonable in the premises together with judicial interest from date of judicial demand and for all costs of these proceedings.

FURTHER PRAYS that this Honorable Court order a recision of the sale and order that the defendant's reimborse politioner the entirety of the purchase price together with expenses associated with the purchase of the vehicle to include but not limited to finance charges, instrumes charges and other consequential expenses incorred by petitioner together with reasonable atterneys fees.

FURTHER PRAYS for necessary orders and for just and equitable relief.

CHRIST BOWMAN #18] ATTORNEY AT LAW 330 EAST MAIN STREET P. O. BOX 190 JONESBORO, LA 71251 318/259-6200

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#### VERIFICATION

BEFORE MR, the undersigned authority, personally came and appeared

who, after being duly sworn, did depose and state that he has read the above and foregoing. Potition and all allegations contained therein are true and correct to the best of his information, knowledge and belief.

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#### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

Plaintiffs,	}	CV0404660
v.	) Civil Action No )	
FORD MOTOR COMPANY,  Defendent	}	AUG 0 2 2004
	) <u>COMPLAINT</u>	ANNE-MARIE ADAMS Clerk

Come Now the Plaintiff in the above styled case, through counsel, and aver as follows:

#### Parties and Jurisdiction

- Plaintiff is resident of legal age residing in Jefferson County, Alabama.
- Defendant Ford Motor Company ("Ford") is a corporation that regularly does business in Jefferson County, Alabama. Ford manufactured the 2003 Ford F-350 VIN 1FTWW33PX3F F-350") of which vehicle is the subject of this action.

#### Conut One (Lemon Law)

- Plaintiff adopts, incorporates and re-alleges the averments of all preceding paragraphs
   and as to Defendant Pord, Plaintiff further avers as follows.
- 4. Plaintiff has experienced serious defects, problems, nonconformities and poor quality in the vehicle, including but not limited to problems the fuel injection, problems with the engine idle, problems with the rear differential, and problems with the transmission.
  Plaintiff is currently experiencing problems the engine idle and the rear differential.
- Said defects, problems, nonconformities, and poor quality have adversely affected the
  use, safety and the value of the vehicle to the Plaintiff.
- Plaintiff returned the vehicle to authorized servicing dealers for repairs of the above stated problems and defects, under the manufacturer's warranty, on numerous occasions.
- The problems that Plaintiff has experienced were not adequately or timely repaired.
- Plaintiff properly notified Ford or its authorized agent of the problems,

defects and conconformities in the vehicle and gave the Ford or its authorized agent reasonable opportunity to inspect, service, and/or repair said nonconformities and problems, including mailing a certified letter to the manufacturer.

- On March 17, 2004 the letter attached as Bxhibit A, was mailed to Ford by United States Postal Service, Parcel No. 7099 3400 0006 4485 0627.
- Ford received said letter, and its enclosures, on March 22, 2003 as evidenced by the signature of Ford's agent shown on Exhibit B, the certified mail receipt.
- Plaintiff has exhausted his attempts to remedy said problems through Ford's Dispute
   Settlement Board.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment under Abbama's Lamon Law against Defendant Ford for repurchase of the vehicle including:

- (A) The full contract price or capitalized cost paid by Plaintiff,
- (B) All collateral charges incurred by Plaintiff;
- (C) All finance and lease charges incurred by Plaintiff;
- (D) All incidental and consequential damages to which the Plaintiff may be entitled; and
- (E) Reasonable attorney's fees; plus all other relief, whether legal or equitable, to which the Plaintiff may be entitled under Alabama's Lemon Law, CODE OF ALABAMA (1975) § 8-20A-1 et seq.

#### Count Two (Breach of Warranty-LICC and Magnuson Mosa Warranty Act)

- Plaintiff adopts, incorporates and re-alleges each end every allegation set forth herein above Plaintiff further avers as follows.
- 13. Plaintiff and Defendant Ford are subject to the provisions of Alabama's Uniform Commercial Code-Sales, Code of Alabama §7-2-101 et seq. Defendant Ford is a "seller" and Plaintiff's vehicle is a "good" and a "consumer good" pursuant to the Alabama UCC.
- 14. Plaintiff avers that under the circumstances of this case, the Defendant's warranties fail of their essential purpose.
- 15. Plaintiff is entitled to all damages available pursuant to Code of Alabama §7-2-714 and §7-2-715, including but not limited to damages for diminution of value, incidental and coasequential damages, and mental anguish.

- 16. Defendant Ford breached its express written warranties by failing adequately to correct the problems, defects and nonconformities in said vehicle or by failing to do so within a reasonable amount of time, 'and/or by manufacturing and distributing a vehicle with defects in materials or workmanship.
- 17. As a proximate consequence of Defendant's breaches of warranty, Plaintiff has suffered the loss of value of the vehicle, and further, Plaintiff has suffered inconvenience, frustration, and mental anguish.
- For the reasons set forth herein above, this action is subject the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act, 15 U.S.C.A. Sec. 2301 et seq.
- Plaintiff is a "consumer" and Plaintiff's" vehicle is a "consumer product" pursuant to the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act, 15 U.S.C.A. Sec. 2301.
- Defendant Ford is both a "warrantor" and "supplier" pursuant to the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act, 15 U.S.C.A. Sec. 2301.
- 21. Defendant breached its express warranties with Plaintiff as stated herein and Plaintiff is entitled to all relief available pursuant to the Magnuson-Moss Act, including but not limited to attorney's fees and costs.

#### Limitation of Claim for Damages

 Cannulatively, under Counts One and Two Plaintiff claims an amount, in the aggregate, not to exceed \$49,999.99.

WHEREFORE, as to defendant Ford, Plaintiff claim all damages that may be available under the Alabama UCC, Alahama Case Law and the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act, including but not limited to damages for breach of warranty, any appropriate equitable relief, all monetary losses, diminution of value, incidental and consequential damages and mental anguish plus attorney's fees, interest and all costs and expenses of litigation (pursuant to 15 U.S.C.A. Sec. 2310), along with any other relief to which plaintiff may be entitled under the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act and Alabama law.

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## Plaintiff's Address:

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## Defendant's Address;

Ford North America, Inc. P.O. Box 191 Gardena, California 90248

NUMBER: 112247 "H"

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16™ JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

PARISH OF ST. MARY

FORD MOTOR COMPANY

STATE OF LOUISIANA

#### PETITION FOR REDHIBITION AND DAMAGES

NOW INTO COURT, through undersigned counsel, comes Petitione

a resident of the lawful age of majority domiciled in Patterson, Louisiana, who alleges upon information and belief the following:

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Made Defendant herein is the following persons and/or entities who are justly and truly indebted unto your Petitioner, jointly and in <u>solide</u>, in a full and true sum as is reasonable in the premises, together with legal interest thereon from the date of judicial demand, until paid, and for all other just and equitable relief to which he may be entitled;

A) FORD MOTOR COMPANY, hereinafter "FORD," a foreign corporation euthorized to do and doing business in the State of Louislane whose agent for service of process is CT Corporation Systems, 8550 United Plaza Bivd., Baton Rouge, Louislane 70809.

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On or about March 3, 2003, Petitioner, Commission of Sourchased a 2003 FORD F-250, VIN 1FTNN 20P938 The Sourchaster referred to as the "F-250" or the "vehicle"). The purchase price was approximately \$30,000.00. The F-250 was purchased primarily for Petitioner's personal use.

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In fact, when delivered, the F-250 was defective in materials and workmenship. Within the first titree months after purchase, Patitioner began experiencing defective conditions with the F-250 's engine having no power and rough kile. Petitioner has tendered his vehicle for repairs on six (8) separate occasions for a cumulative of 45 days,

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The F-250 is a "thing" under La. Civil Code Articles 2520, et seq.

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Opfendant, FORD, is a "manufacturer" under La. Civil Code Articles 2520, et seq.

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Petitioner is a "buyer" under in Le. Civil Code Articles 2520, et seq. .

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Partitioner avere that the defects hereinabove described meet the definition of a redhibitory defect as defined in Ls. Civil Code Articles 2520, at seq.

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Patitioner evers that he has provided the Defendant auflicient opportunity to repor his defective F-250 and has requested that the Defendant replace the F-250, refund his money, or reduce the sales price. Defendant has refused his demands.

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Petitioner avers that he has performed each and every duty required of nimulations are required as a performed each each excused or prevented by the conduct of the Defendant, as herein slieged.

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Patitionar evers that the Defendant are liable to him for the following non exclusive set of causes of actions:

- A. Redhibition:
- B. Breach of Contract:
- C. Breech of Implied and Express Warranties; and/or
- D. Negligent Repairs.

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As a direct and preximate result of defendant's willful violation of their obligations under the Louisians laws, Pathionar has suffered the following:

Actual, consequential and incidental demages;

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C. The cost of repairs related to these defects; and

D. Attorneys' fees.

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Linder Ls. Civil Code Articles 2520, at seq., Pathtoner is entitled to recover a sum equal to the aggregate emount of costs and expenses, including attorney's fees, if Pathtoner prevails in whole or part. As a proximate result of defendant's misconduct as alleged herein, and in an effort to protect his rights and to anforce the terms of the agreement as more particularly set forth above, it has become necessary for Pathtoner to employ the legal services of Richard C. Dalton. Pathtoner has incurred and continues to incur legal fees, costs and expenses in connection therewith.

WHEREFORE, PETITIONER, the due that, after due proceedings are had, there be judgment in fever of your Petitionex and against the Defendent, FORD MOTOR COMPANY, all jointly and in solide, for the following:

- A) Repurchasing or reducing the purchase price of the 2003 FORD F-260 including all collected costs at the time of the sale, any and all finance charges, damages, regether with applicable permittes and attempt feed allowed by faw, and with legal interest upon the entire sums awarded from the date judicial demand, until paid, and for all costs of these proceedings; end/or
- B) A judgment herein in favor of Petitioner and against the Defendant, all jointly and in solide, for all demages and expenses attentined by Petitioner together with applicable penalties and attorney fees allowed by law, and with legal interest upon the entire sums awarded from the date judicial demand, until paid, and for all costs of these proceedings.
- For such priver and further relief as the court deams just and proper under the elegimetences.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT

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COOKE COUNTY

VS.

FORD MOTOR COMPANY

STATE OF TEXAS

#### PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

NOW INTO COURT, through undersigned counsel, comes Plaintiff,

who now petitions this Honorable Court as follows:

#### I. PARTIES

Plaintiff is an individual residing in Collinsville, State of Texas.

Defendant, FORD MOTOR COMPANY, hereinafter "FORD," a corporation authorized to do and doing business in the State of Texas whose agent of service is C.T. Corporation System, 350 N. St. Paul Street, Dallas, TX 75201; and

#### II. VENUE

Venue is proper in Cooke County, State of Texas pursuant to Section 15.002 of the Civil Practice and Remedies Code.

#### III. DISCOVERY

Plaintiff intends for discovery to be level I.

#### IV. STATEMENT OF FACTS

On or about October 4, 2003, Plaintiff, entered into a motor vehicle purchase contract with Glenn Polk Auto Plex for the purchase of a 2003 FORD F-350, VIN 1FTWW32P93E Thereinafter referred to as the "F-350" or the "vehicle"). The purchase price was approximately \$36,596.17

Defendant, FORD, is the manufacturer and assembler of this vehicle.

Plaintiff's vehicle was accompanied by express warranties offered by Defendants and extending to Plaintiff. These warranties were part of the basis of the bargain of Plaintiff's contract for purchase of the vehicle.

In fact, when delivered, the vehicle was defective in meterials and workmanship, and defects being discovered within the warranty periods. Within the first month after purchase, Plaintiff began experiencing defective conditions with the F-350's engine stalling out. Seid defects substantially impaired the use, value, and/or safety of the F-350. Many defective conditions have occurred since purchase, including, but not limited to:

Engine stalling out on five separate occasions.

Despite Plaintiff's repeated efforts to allow Defendant the opportunity to repair the F-350, many nonconforming and defective conditions were never repaired and/or unable to be repaired. The F-350 continues to this day to exhibit some or all of the nonconformities described above.

#### V. DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES

Plaintiff would show that Defendants engaged in certain false, misleading and deceptive acts, practices and/or omissions actionable under the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices - Consumer Protection Act (Texas Business and Commerce Code, Chapter 17.41, et seq.)

Defendants engaged in an "unconscionable action or course of action" to the detriment of Plaintiff as that term is defined by Section 17.45(5) of the Texas Business and Commerce Code, by taking advantage of the lack of knowledge, ability, experience, or capacity of Plaintiff to grossly unfair degree.

Defendants violated Section 17.46(b) of the Texas Business and Commerce Code, in that the Defendants:

- (A) represented that goods or services are of a particular standard, quality, or grade, or that good are of a particular style or model, if they are of another:
- (8) represented that a guarantee or warranty confers or involves rights or remedies which it does not have or involve;
- (C) failed to disclose information concerning goods or services which was known at the time of the transaction with the intention to induce the consumer into a transaction into which the consumer would not have entered had the information been disclosed;
- (D) the implied warranty of good and workmanlike performance; and
- (E) the implied warranty of merchantability.

Plaintiff further shows that the acts, practices, and/or omissions complained of were the producing cause of Plaintiff damages more fully described herein below.

Plaintiff further shows that the acts, practices, and/or omissions complained of under Section 17.46(b) of the Texas Business and Commerce Code were relied upon by Plaintiff to Plaintiff's detriment.

Plaintiff has simultaneously sent the written notice, as required by Section 17.505, Texas Business and Commerce Code, and complied with all conditions precedent to the filing of this lawsuit.

#### VI. BREACH OF EXPRESS WARRANTIES

Defendants' advertisements and statements in written promotional and other materials contained broad claims amounting to a warranty that Plaintiff's F-350 or those similarly situated were free from inherent risk of failure or latent defects. In addition, the Defendants issued an expressed written warranty which covered the F-350 and warranted that the F-350 was free of defects in materials and work quality at the time of delivery.

As alleged above, the Defendants breached its warranties by offering for sale, and selling as safe to Plaintiff, a vehicle that was latently defective, unsafe, and likely to cause economic loss to Plaintiff. In breach of the foregoing warranties, the Defendants have failed to correct said defects.

The damages Plaintiff has suffered are a direct and proximate result of Defendants' actions in this matter include but are not limited to costs of repair, expenses associated with returning the vehicle for repeated repair attempts, loss of wages, loss of use, damages, and attorney fees.

#### VII. BREACH OF IMPLIED WARRANTIES

Defendants impliedly warranted that Plaintiff's F-350, which it designed, manufactured, and sold, were merchantable and fit and safe for their ordinary use, not otherwise injurious to consumers, and would come with adequate safety warnings.

Any purported limitation of the duration of the implied warranties contained in the written warranties given by Defendants is unreasonable and unconscionable and void under the principles of estoppel, because Defendants knew the defects existed and might not be discovered, if at all, until the F-350 had been driven for a period longer than the period of the written warranty, and Defendants willfully withheld information about the defects from Plaintiff.

Because of their disclosed defects, Plaintiff's F-350 is unsafe and unfit for use and has caused economic loss to the Plaintiff. Therefore, the Defendants breached the implied warranty of merchantability.

As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' breach of the implied warranty of merchantability, Plaintiff is entitled to damages.

#### VIII. NEGLIGENCE AND NEGLIGENT MISREPRESENTATION

Defendants had a duty to Plaintiff to provide a product reasonably safe in design and manufacture, warn of dangerous defects, disclose adverse material facts when making representations of fact to Plaintiff, and correct products which are defective.

Defendants breached their duty of reasonably care and duty to disclose material adverse facts to Plaintiff by the following acts and omissions:

- (1) failure to design and manufacture a vehicle that did not harbor the defects alleged herein;
- (2) failure to notify Plaintiff of the dangerous and defective condition of the F-350 when Defendants knew or should have known of the dangerous and defective condition;
- (3) failure to fulfill its duty to disclose the material adverse facts as set forth above and otherwise failing to exercise due care under the circumstances; and
- (4) failure to repair the F-350 in accordance with the express and implied warranties.

As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' breach of their duty of reasonable care and duty to disclose material adverse facts, Plaintiff has suffered reasonably and especially foreseeable damages in an amount to be proven at trial.

### IX. BREACH OF CONTRACT

Plaintiff would show that the actions and/or omissions of Defendants described herein above constitute breach of contract, which proximately caused the direct and consequential demages to Plaintiff described herein below, and for which Plaintiff hereby sues.

### X. ECONOMIC AND ACTUAL DAMAGES

Plaintiff sustained the following economic and actual damages as a result of the actions and/or emissions of Defendants described herein above:

- (A) Out of pocket expenses, including but not limited to the money paid towards the note securing the vehicle;
- (B) Loss of use:
- (C) Loss of the "benefit of the bargain";

- (D) Diminished or reduced market value; and
- (E) Costs of repairs.

#### XI. DAMAGES FOR MENTAL ANGUISH

Plaintiff would further show false, misleading and deceptive acts, practices and/or omissions described herein above were committed "knowingly," as provided by Section 17.45(9) of the Texas Business and Commerce Code, in that Defendants had actual awareness of the falsity, deception, or unfairness of such acts, practices, and/or omissions.

As a result of such acts, practices and /or omissions, Plaintiff sustained a high degree of mental pain and distress of such nature, duration and severity that would permit the recovery of damages for mental anguish pursuant to Section 17.50(b) of the Texas Business and Commerce Code, and for which Plaintiff hereby sues in an amount in excess of the minimum jurisdictional limits of this Court.

#### XII. MULTIPLE DAMAGES

As alleged herein above, Plaintiff would show that the false, misleading and deceptive acts, practices and/or omissions complained of herein were committed "knowingly" in that Defendants had actual awareness of the falsity, deception, or unfairness of such acts, practices, and/or omissions.

Plaintiff further avers that such acts, practices, and/or omissions were committed "intentionally" in that Defendants specifically intended that Plaintiff act in detrimental reliance on the falsity or deception or in detrimental ignorance of the

unfairness. Therefore, Plaintiff is entitled to recover multiple damages as provided by 17.50(b)(1) of the Texas Business and Commerce Code.

#### XIII. ATTORNEY'S FEES

Request is made for all costs and reasonable and necessary attorney's fees incurred by or on behalf of Plaintiff herein, including all fees necessary in the event of an appeal of this cause to the Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court of Texas, as the Court deems equitable and just, as provided by: (a) Section 17.50(d) of the Texas Business and Commerce Code; (b) Chapter 38 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code; and (c) common law.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, PLAINTIFF, KENNETH R. FOGUS, respectfully prays that the Defendants be cited to appear and answer herein, and that upon a final hearing of the cause, judgment be entered for the Plaintiff against Defendants, jointly and severally, for the following:

- economic damages requested herein above in an amount in excess of the minimum jurisdictional limits of the Court;
- actual damages requested herein above in an amount in excess of the minimum jurisdictional limits of the Court;
- prejudgment interest at the maximum rate allowed by law;
- post judgment interest at the maximum rate allowed by law,
- attorney's fees,
- costs of court, and

 such other and further relief to which the Plaintiff may be entitled at law or in equity, whether pled or unpled.

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LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CENTRAL DISTRICT

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Case No. BC310605

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14 FORD MOTOR COMPANY, ar

COMPLAINT FOR RESTITUTION AND DAMAGES

FORD MOTOR COMPANY, and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive.

MOLATION OF THE SONG-BEVERLY CONSUMER WARRANTY ACT]

Defendants.

Pfaintiff.

, alleges as follows:

## GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

- Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereon elleges, that at all times berein defendant FORD MOTOR COMPANY is and was a corporation and registered to do business in the State of California and doing business in the County of Los Angales.
- 2. The true names and capacities of Does 1 through 10, inclusive, are not known to plaintiff at this time and therefore plaintiff sucs those defendants by such fictitious names. Plaintiff will amend this complaint to allege the true names and capacities of such defendants when they are ascertained.
- 3. Each of the defendants in this case acted as the principal, agent, employee or other authorized representative in relation to the other; all defendants acted at all times complaint FOR RESTITUTION AND DAMAGES

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mentioned in this complaint within the course and scope of their respective authority and

with the full knowledge and consent of the other defendants. Furthermore, plaintiff is

informed and believes and thereon alleges that all acts of corporate employees as

hereinalter alleged were authorized or ratified by an officer, director or managing agent of

Civil Code sections 1790 gt seq., the aforementioned vehicle constitutes a "new motor

On or about January 25, 2003, plaintiff leased a new 2003 Ford F-250.

Pursuant to the Song-Beverly Consumer Warranty Act (hereinafter the "Act")

Plaintiff is a "lessee" and/or "buyer" of consumer goods under the Act.

Defendant FORD MOTOR COMPANY is a "manufacturer" and/or "distributor"

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to the applicable express and implied warranties under the Act after a reasonable number of attempts. Furthermore, the aforementioned nonconformities substantially impairs the use, value and/or safety of the subject vehicle to plaintiff.

- Notwithstanding plaintiffs entitlement, defendant has failed to comply with its obligations under the Act to repurchase the vehicle and make restitution.
- 14. By failure of defendant to comply with its obligations under the Act to repurchase the vehicle and make restitution, defendant is in breach of its obligations under the Act.
- Plaintiff is entitled to justifiably revoke acceptance of the aforementioned vehicle under the Act.
- 16. Under the Act, plaintiff is entitled to reimbursement of the purchase price paid for the subject vehicle less that amount directly attributable to use by the plaintiff prior to discovery of the noncomformity(s).
- 17. Plaintiff is entitled to all incidental, consequential and general damages resulting from defendant's failure to comply with its obligations under the Act.
- 18. Plaintiff is entitled under the Act to recover as part of the judgment a sum equal to the aggregate amount of costs and expenses, including attorney's fees, reasonably incurred in connection with the commencement and prosecution of this action.
- 19. Plaintiff is entitled in addition to the amounts recovered, a civil penalty of up to two times the amount of actual demages in that defendant has willfully failed to comply with its responsibilities under the Act.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff prays for judgment against defendant as follows:

- For rescission of the contract and restitution of all consideration;
- For actual compensatory and general damages according to proof at time of trial;
- That such actual, compensatory and general damages be doubled and awarded to plaintiff as a civil penalty;
  - 4. Prejudgment interest from date of rescission;

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- For attorney's fees incurred herein according to proof;
- 6. For costs of suit incurred herein; and
- For such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

DATED: February 12 2004

LAW OFFICES OF WILLIAM R. McGEE Attorneys for Plaintiff

Ву:

WILLIAM R. MOGEE JENNIFER A. SACCUZES

COMPLAINT FOR RESTITUTION AND DAMAGES

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SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF BERNALILLO STATE OF NEW MEXICO

DEG 0 8 2003

No. CV-



Plaintiffs,

V8.

BOB TURNER'S FORD COUNTRY, INC., AND FORD MOTOR COMPANY, DEC 1 0 2003 DINES 3 OFFICES, RC.

Defendants.

## COMPLAINT FOR BREACH OF WARRANTY

COMES NOW Plaintiff by the state of the by and through its attorneys Modrall, Sperling.

Roehl, Harris & Sisk, PA, and for its Complaint states as follows:

### Jarisdiction and Venue

- Plaintiff in the law of New Mexico with its principal place of business in Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- Defendant Bob Turner's Ford Country, Inc., is a New Mexico cosporation, with its principal
  place of business in Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- Ford Motor Company is incorporated under the laws of the Delaware, and is authorized to do business in the State of New Mexico.
- The sales transaction which is the subject matter of this lawsuit was executed and performed
  in Bernalillo County, New Mexico.

## Fact Allegations Common To All Claims

- On or about May 6, 2003, Plaintiff purchased a 2003 S Duty, F350 Cool Cab Pick-up Truck from Defendant Bob Turner's Ford Country, Inc. The vehicle identification number for the pick-up truck is 1FTWW33P23F
- The manufacturer of the pick-up truck is Ford Motor Company.
- 7. During the negotiation of the purchase, Al Magaña, a principal of Plaintiff, questioned a representative of Defendant Bob Turner's Ford Country, Inc., if it or Ford Motor Company were having any problems with the engine on this particular model of pick-up truck. The sales representative replied that there were no problems with the engine, and showed Mr. Magaña an article from a magazine praising the new engine.
- 8. The representations of the sales representative were false. There were consumer complaints that the diesel engine for the pick-truck purchased by Plaintiffs was prone to power loss and stalling, which complaints were received from other consumers as early as November, 2002.
- The engine of the pick up truck sold manufactured by Defendant Ford Motor Company, and sold by Defendant Bob Turner's Ford Country to Plaintiff repetitively stalls and suffers power loss.
- On or about, June 10, 2003, PlaintifFreturned the truck to Bob Turner's Ford Country, Inc.,
   seeking to have the defect corrected.
- 11. On or about June 10, 2003, a representative of Defendant Bob Turner's Ford Country, Inc., admitted that there was a problem with the power stroke on the vehicle, and that the service department for Defendant Bob Turner Ford Country, Inc., would "take care of it".

- 12. On or about June 11, 2003, Plaintiff returned to Defendant Bob Turner's Ford Country, Inc., to pick-up the truck. A representative of Defendant Bob Turner's Ford Country, Inc., had written a note indicating that there would be continued problems with power loss. When Plaintiff's representative asked about the note, a service representative for Defendant Bob Turner's Ford Country, Inc., stated that the problem with the truck's engine could not be fixed.
- 13. On or about June 16, 2003, Al Magaña returned to Defendant Bob Turner's Ford Country, Inc., and spoke with another service representative, who reaffirmed that there was a problem with the power stroke, and that there was no way to fix the problem. The sales representative also stated that "you and fifty thousand other people have the problem," "it's not my problem, it's not Bob Turner's problem, it's Ford's problem," and that "you can bring it back tomorrow, the next day, next week, and it is still not going to be fixed because we don't have a fix."
- In July, 2003, Plaintiff twice returned the truck to Defendant Bob Turner's Ford Country, Inc.On both occasions, Defendants were unable to correct the loss of power defect.
- 15. In September, 2003, Plaintiff again delivered the truck to Defendant Bob Turner Ford for installation of computer software that was supposed to correct the loss of power defect. The September, 2003 work failed to correct the problem.
- 16. Plaintiff intended to use the truck to tow a trailer loaded with heavy equipment. Defendant Bob Turner's Ford Country, Inc., was aware of Plaintiff's intended purpose for purchasing the truck, and represented that the truck was fit for that particular purpose.

- Because of the loss of power defect, the truck is unfit for the particular purpose for which it was purchased.
- 18. Plaintiff has not used the pick up truck, and with the exception of test drives and trips to and from the dealership for repairs, has not driven the truck. Because of the ongoing problems with the pick up truck's engine, Plaintiff has not yet registered the vehicle.

## COUNT I Breach of Warranty

- Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference all allegations in paragraphs i through 18 above.
- 20. Defendants were aware of the power loss and stalling problems of the engine prior to the time that Plaintiff purchased the pick-up truck.
- 21. Defendants failed to disclose to Plaintiff that the engine was defective.
- Defendants gave express and implied warranties regarding the performance of the truck and its engine.
- 23. Defendants breached their express and implied warranties to Plaintiff.

#### COUNT II

## Violation of the New Mexico Unfair Practices Act

- Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference all allegations in paragraphs 1 through23 above.
- 25. Defendant gave false and misteading oral and written statements and representations in connection with the sale of the pick-up truck, which did in fact deceive and mislead Plaintiff. The misrepresentations included representations that the pick-up truck had

characteristics that it does not have; representing that the pick-up truck was of a particular standard, quality or grade that it did not possess; using exaggeration, innuendo or ambiguity as to material facts; failing to state material facts which deceived Plaintiff; and failing to deliver the quality of the goods called for in the agreement.

# COUNT III Violation of the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act

- 26. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference all allegations in paragraphs 1 through 25 above.
- The pick-up truck is a consumer product as defined in the Magnuson -Moss Warranty Act,
   U.S.C. §2301.
- Plaintiff is a buyer of a consumer product, and therefore is a "consumer" as defined in the
   Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act, 15 U.S.C. §2301.
- 29. Plaintiff has afforded Defendants a reasonable opportunity to correct the defects in the pickup truck.
- 30. Defendants have breached their warranties in violation of the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act.

# COUNT IV Breach of Warranty of Fitness for a Particular Purpose

- Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference all allegations in paragraphs 1 through
   30 above.
- 32. Plaintiff advised Defendant Bob Turner's Ford Country, Inc. of the specific purposes for which Plaintiff was purchasing the truck.

- 33. Defendant Bob Turner's Ford Country, Inc., warranted that the pick-up truck was fit for the particular use for which Plaintiff purchased the truck.
- Defendant Bob Turner's Ford Country, Inc breached the warranty of fitness for a
  particular purpose.

#### COUNT V.

## Breach of Motor Vehicle Dealers Franchising Act, Section 57-16-1 et. seq.

- Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference all allegations in paragraphs 1 through
   34 above.
- Defendant Bob Turner's Ford County Inc., is a dealer as defined in the New Mexico
   Motor Vehicle Dealers Franchising Act.
- Defendant Ford Motor Company is a manufacturer as defined in the New MexicoMotor
   Vehicle Dealers Franchising Act.
- 38. Defendant Bob Turner's Ford Country Inc. violated Section 57-16-4 of the Motor Vehicle Dealers Franchising Act by wilfully defrauding Plaintiff, a retail buyer, and by failing to perform the obligations placed on the dealer in connection with the manufacturers' warranty agreement.
- 39. Defendant Ford Motor Company violated the Motor Vehicle Dealers Franchising Act by using false, deceptive and misleading advertising and by failing to fulfil! its warranty agreement.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully requests that the Court enter the following relief:

rescission of the purchase agreement;

- 2) consequential damages suffered by Plaintiff, including without limitation the cost of replacement vehicles, vehicle insurance expenses, expenses associated with Plaintiff's effort to have the defect corrected, and other expenses in an amount to be established at trial;
- pre-judgment and post-judgment interest;
- treble damages as allowed by statute;
- 5) plaintiff's costs, including attorneys fees;
  and for such other relief as the Court deems just and proper.

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> : SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY : LAW DIVISION: Bergen County : SPECIAL CIVIL PART

Plaintiff,

: DOCKET NO.

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CIVIL ACTION

FORD MOTOR COMPANY

COMPLAINT

Defendant.

Plaintiff, by and through his attorney, by way of complaint says:

Count One (Breach of Implied Warranty or Merchantability)

1. Plaintiff, purchases a 2003 Ford F350
Pickup Truck.

- Defendant, Ford Motor Company, is a manufacturer and a foreign corporation.
- 3. Plaintiff executed a contract to purchase a 2003 Ford F350 containing VIN Number 1FTMW33F83D which vehicle was manufactured by defendant, Ford Notor Company. In connection with that purchase, there was an implied warranty of merchantability pursuant to N.J.S.A.12A:2-314. Such warranty was breached by the fact that the vehicle was not fit for its intended purposes.
- Because of design and wandfacturing defects in the vehicle plaintiff has suffered injury. Plaintiff has performed

all prerequisites necessary for the institution of this action with respect to this and all other counts herein.

5. Plaintiff has been damaged by the aforesaid breach and the other unlawful conduct set forth hereinabove. Such damage and injury includes but it is not limited to the cost of the vehicle and applicable finance charges, expenditure of monies to repair the defects, loss of time from work, monies spent for alternate transportation and replacement vehicles, loss of use of the vehicle, incidental and consequential damages, mental stress and anxiety, and financial expenditures.

Count Two (Breach of Express Warranty)

- Plaintiff repeats the allegations contained in paragraphs one through five and incorporate the same herein.
- 7. Defendants made affirmations of fact and promises, a description of the goods, and exhibited a sample or model concerning the automobile which became part of the basis of the bargain and constituted express warranties.
- 8. Such express warranties were breached as a result of which plaintiff suffered the injuries snumerated in paragraph five.

Count Three (Fraud and Violation of Consumer Fraud Act)

- a) Plaintiff repeats the allegations contained in paragraphs one through eight and incorporates the same herein.
- b) The conduct sets forth herein constitutes an unconscionable connected practice, deception, fraud, false pretense, false promise, misrepresentation, and the knowing concealment, suppression of a material fact with intent that plaintiff rely upon such concealment, suppression, or and otherwise violates N.J.S.A. 56:8-2.

## Count Four (Breach of Contract)

- Plaintiff repeats the allegations contained in paragraphs one through nine.
- 11. Defendants have breached their contractual obligations to plaintiff as a result of which plaintiff has suffered the injuries ememerated in paragraph five.

Count Pive (Violation of Magnuson-Mose Act)

- 12. Plaintiff repeats the allegations contained in paragraphs one through eleven and incorporates the same herein.
- 13. Defendants gave a warranty pursuant to the Magnusor-Moss Act, 15 U.S.C. 2301, et seq. The automobile defendants sold or manufactured was a consumer product, plaintiff is a consumer, and the lease of the vehicle is governed by the above Act. The vehicle defendants sold, manufactured or distributed failed to perform as warranted. Defendants have violated the aforesaid Act by virtue of the conduct set forth above, improperly and unlawfully attempted to disclaim implied and express warranties, failed to perform in accordance with its warranty and otherwise violated the Act as set forth hereinabove.

### Count\_Six (Negligence)

- 14. Plaintiff repeats the allegations contained in peragraphs one through thirteen and incorporates the same herein.
- 15. Defendants owed plaintiff a duty to sell him a safe automobile free from manufacturing and design defects. Defendants failed to exercise reasonable care in the design, marketing, inspection, and manufacture of the vehicle plaintiff purchased and the preparation of a warning or recall after the purchase. As a proximate result of defendant's negligence, plaintiff suffered the injuries and damage set forth in paragraphs four and five.

## Count Saven (New Jorsey Lench Law)

- 16. Plaintiff repeats the allegations contained in paragraphs one through fifteen and incorporates the same herein.
- 17. Defendants have been unable to conform plaintiff's new automobile to the warranty. There exists a defect or condition in the automobile which substantially impairs the use, value, and safety of the automobile.
- 18. The same nonconformity has been subject to repair or correction on numerous occasions by the manufacturer and/or its agent or dealers and the nonconformity continues to exist.
- 19. Plaintiff has performed all prerequisites necessary for the institution on this action.

#### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE plaintiff demands judgment against defendants for compensatory demages, punitive damages, a comparable new automobile, a refund of the full purchase price of the vehicle, interest, attorney's fees, costs, and such other legal or equitable relief as this court may deem just.

### CERTIFICATION

I certify that the matter in controversy in not the subject of any pending or contemplated litigation or arbitration.

Dated:

Howard A. Gutman Attorney for Plaintiff STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF BERNALILLO SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT ENDORSED 3

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Plaintiff,

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FORD MOTOR COMPANY, a Michigan corporation; GURLEY MOTOR COMPANY, a New Mexico corporation, and WELLS FARGO LEASING CORPORATION, d/b/a WELLS FARGO AUTO FINANCE, a foreign corporation, jointly and severally,

Defendants.

## COMPLAINT FOR BREACH OF WARRANTIES, RECISION AND RELATED CLAIMS

COMMES NOW the Plaintiff, by and through his attorneys, WAGNER, MCSRIDE, FORD & ASSOCIATES, P.A. (Kenneth R. Wagner), and complains against Defendants as follows:

#### GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

- Plaintiff is a natural person residing in Albuquerque,
   Bernalillo County, New Mexico.
- 2. Defendant, Ford Motor Company ("Manufacturer"), is a corporation authorized to do business in the State of Michigan and, at all times relevant hereto, was engaged in the manufacture, sale, distribution and/or importing of Ford motor vehicles and related equipment, with its registered office located in the City of

Dearborn, Wayne County, Michigan.

- At all times material hereto, Manufacturer was engaged in the sale and distribution of Ford motor vehicles in the State of New Mexico.
- 4. Defendant, Gurley Motor Company, ("Dealer"), is a corporation authorized to do business in the State of New Maxico and, at all times relevant hereto, was an authorized Ford Motor Company dealer, engaged in the business of selling and servicing Ford motor vehicles in the State of New Mexico.
- Dealer's principal place of business is 701 West Coal,
   Gallup, New Mexico.
- 6. Defendant, Wells Fargo Leasing Corporation, d/b/a Wells Fargo Auto Finance, ("Finance Co."), is a foreign corporation authorized to do business in the State of New Mexico and, at all times relevant hereto, was angaged in the business of financing motor vehicles.
- Defendant Finance Co. is subject to all of Plaintiff's claims and defenses against Defendant Dealer and Manufacturer pursuant to 16 C.F.R. 433.
- 8. The Purchase Agreement entered into between Plaintiff and Dealer is attached hereto, marked Exhibit "A" and incorporated by reference.
  - 9. Venue is proper in Bernalillo County, New Maxico.

- 10. Dealer, acting by and through its agents and servents within the scope of their authority, sold a 2003 Ford F-350, 4  $\times$  4, vehicle No. 157WW33P63BWWWW to Plaintiff (hereinafter "motor vehicle").
- 11. The motor vehicle was manufactured, distributed and/or imported by Defendant Manufacturer.
- 12. This Complaint arises out of Defendants' misrepresentation, breaches of warranty and contract in violations of statutes, as hereinafter set forth.
- 13. Plaintiff seeks damages in excess of \$25,000.00 and/or equitable relief and, accordingly, this Complaint is not subject to arbitration.
- 14. Plaintiff has made certain improvements and added accessories to the subject motor vehicle for which he needs to be compensated.

# COUNT I - BREACE OF WARRANTIES AGAINST MANUFACTURER AND DEALER

- 15. Plaintiff incorporates all allegations set forth in the General Allegations as though specifically set out herein.
- 16. Defendants, Manufacturer and Dealer, are merchants with respect to the motor vehicle which is the subject of this lawsuit pursuant to NMSA 1978, §55-2-104 (1953).

- 17. The motor vahicle purchased by Plaintiff was subject to implied warranties of merchantability and fitness for purpose pursuant to MMSA 1978, \$55-2-314 (1953) and MMSA 1978, \$55-2-315 (1953).
- 18. Defendants, to induce said sale, made certain express warranties and representations through its advertising and conduct.
  - 19. Said warrenties and representations were as follows:
    - (a) That the motor vehicle was reliable and capable of pulling Plaintiff's horse trailer;
    - (b) That the diesel engine had been tested and was fit for its intended purposes;
    - (a) That the 6.0 diesel engine was the most powerful in the industry with respect to this size of motor vehicle;
    - (d) That said vehicle was of good, sound and merchantable quality;
    - (e) That said vehicle was free from defective parts and workmanship;
    - (f) Said vehicle was so engineered and designed as to function without requiring unreasonable maintenance and repairs;
    - (g) In the event said vehicle was not free from defective parts or workmanship as set forth above,

- the Defendants would repair or replace same without unnecessary cost or delay to Plaintiff;
- (h) That any defects or nonconformities would be cured within a reasonable time;
- 20. Said motor vehicle was not as warranted in that it has repeatedly broken down or malfunctioned due to defective design, defective parts and workmanship including, but not limited to, a fuel injector design that has proved fatal to the 6.0 engine and its performance.
- 21. Specifically, the fuel injector malfunction causes a condition where fuel sceps into the engine's oil supply in amounts great enough to ruin the engine. Consequently, the oil breaks down resulting in a compromise of lubricating qualities which causes premature scuffing on the piston skirt and/or cylinder walls.
- 22. The defective injectors can also cause hydro-locking which can ultimately cause extreme pressures in the engine, resulting in failure of vital parts within the engine. Upon information and belief, this is what happened to Plaintiff's vehicle.
- 23. As a result of its many defects, said motor vehicle cannot be reasonably relied on by Plaintiff for the ordinary purpose of safe, comfortable, attractive and efficient transportation.

- 24. Plaintiff has given Defendants reasonable opportunity to cure said defects and make the subject vehicle fit for its intended purpose, but Defendants have been unable to do so and/or refused to do so within a reasonable time.
- 25. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' various breaches of warranty, Plaintiff has suffered damages including, but not limited to, the cost and inconvenience of obtaining alternate transportation, interest, sales tax, insurance, anxiety, embarrassment, anger, fear, frustration, disappointment, worry, aggravation, inconvenience, and Plaintiff will suffer damages including, but not limited to, the damages harein stated, car rental, diminished resale value of the subject Motor vehicle, together with costs and attorney fees in attempting to obtain relief from Defendants' wrongful conduct as hereinabove alleged.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment against Defendants,
Manufacturer and Dealer, jointly and severally, as follows:

- A. Money damages in whatever amount above \$25,000.00 to which Plaintiff is found to be entitled, plus interest, costs and reasonable attorney fees;
- B. Equitable relief including, but not limited to, repair of the subject vehicle and extension of the express and implied warranties and service contracts which are or were applicable to the subject vehicle in the event that Plaintiff is found not to be

entitled to revocation/rejection; and

C. Such other and further relief as to the Court seems just in the premises.

## COUNT II - REVOCATION OF ACCEPTANCE AGAINST MANUFACTURER AND DEALER

- 26. Plaintiff incorporates by reference all allegations set forth in the General Allegation hereof and in Count I as though specifically alleged herein.
- 27. Due to the serious defects and nonconformities in the Motor vehicle, Plaintiff, by and through his attorney, revoked his acceptance of the motor vehicle and rejected acceptance of the Motor vehicle pursuant to N.M.S.A. 1978, \$55-2-602 (1953). A copy of said revocation/rejection latter is attached hereto, dated October 17, 2003, and marked Exhibit "B" hereto.
- 28. The nonconformities substantially impair the value of the motor vehicle to Plaintiff.
- 29. After numerous attempts to cure, it has become apparent that said nonconformities—cannot be seasonably, permanently and safely cured.
- 30. Defendants have refused to accept return of the motor vehicle and refund Plaintiff's purchase price.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays that this Court enter an order

requiring Defendants, Manufacturer and Dealer, to accept return of the subject motor Vehicle and refund Plaintiff's purchase price, together with incidental consequential damages, interest, costs and reasonable attorney fees.

## COUNT III - BREACE OF COVENANT OF GOOD FAITH AGAINST MANUFACTURER AND DEALER

- 31. Plaintiff incorporates by reference all allegations set forth in the General Allegation hereof and in Counts I and II as though specifically alleged herein.
- 32. Defendants had a statutory duty to act in food faith with respect to the transaction set forth herein.
- 33. The motor vehicle is unsafe to operate and Defendants took no immediate, affirmative action to address this concern.
- 34. The actions of Defendants as described in this Complaint constitute a breach of the good faith requirement and, as a proximate result, Plaintiff has sustained the damages set forth herein.

WEEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment against Defendants,
Manufacturer and Dealer, jointly and severally, as follows:

A. Money damages in whatever amount above \$25,000.00 which Plaintiffs are found to be entitled, plus interest, costs and reasonable attorney fees;

- B. Equitable relief including, but not limited to, repair of the subject Motor vehicle and extension of the express and implied verranties and service contracts which are or were applicable to the subject vehicle in the event that Plaintiff is found not to be entitled to revocation;
- C. For such other and further relief as to the Court seems just in the premises.

## COUNT IV - <u>VICIATIONS OF NMSA 1978. \$57-16A-1 (1985)</u> (NEW MEXICO LEMON LAW) AGAINST DEFENDANT MANUFACTURER

- 35. Plaintiff incorporates by reference all allegations set forth in the General Allegation hereof and in Counts I, II and III as though specifically alleged herein.
- 36. Plaintiff is a "consumer" as that term is defined in NMSA 1978, \$57-16A-1.C. (1985).
- 37. Manufacturer, by and through its authorized dealer, is unable to conform the motor vehicle to the terms of the express warranty in that it cannot repair or correct the defect or condition described in this Complaint, and this substantially impairs the use and market value of the vehicle to the Plaintiff.
- 38. Plaintiff has given reasonable notice and opportunity to cure as required by statute.

39. Despite demand, Defendant Manufacturer has refused to refund Plaintiff's purchase price, less the reasonable allowance for Plaintiff's use of the subject Motor vehicle as set forth in NMSA. 1978, \$57-16A-1, et seq., together with Plaintiff's out-of-pocket costs as permitted by statute and/or centract.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for entry of an order requiring Defendant Manufacturer to refund Plaintiff's purchase price, together with taxes, insurance premiums, interest, and attorney fees or, in the alternative, that Plaintiff be awarded damages in whatever amount he is entitled to, plus interest, costs and actual attorney fees, and for such other and further relief as to the Court seems just in the premises.

## COUNT V - LIARILITY UNDER MAGNUSCH-MOSS AGAINST MANUFACTURER ACT (25 USC § 2301 ET SEQ)

- 40. Plaintiff incorporates by reference all allegations set forth in the General Allegation hereof and in Counts I, II, III and IV as though specifically alleged herein.
- 41. This Court has jurisdiction to decide claims brought under 15 USC § 2301, et seq, by virtue of 15 USC § 2301(d)-(a).
  - 42. Plaintiff is a consumer as defined in 15 USC § 2301(3).
  - Defendant is a supplier and warrantor as defined in 15

USC & 2301 (4)(5).

- 44. The aforedescribed motor vehicle is a consumer product as defined in 15 USC § 2301(6).
- 45. 15 USC § 2301(a)(1) requires Defendant, as warrantor, to remedy any defect, malfunction or nonconformance of the subject motor vehicle within a reasonable time and without charge to Plaintiff as defined in 15 USC § 2304(d).
- 46. Despite repeated demands and despite the fact that Plaintiff has complied with all reasonable terms and conditions imposed on him by Defendant, Defendant has acknowledged that it is unable to remedy within a reasonable time and without charge, the defects heretofore set forth in Count I of this Complaint.
- 47. As a result of Defendant's breaches of express and implied warranties as set forth in Count I of this Complaint, and Defendant's failure to remedy same within a reasonable time and without charge of Plaintiff, Plaintiff has suffered the damages enumerated in Count I of this Complaint.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays that this Court enter its order requiring Defendant Manufacturer to accept return of the subject vehicle and refund Plaintiff's purchase price, together with taxes, insurance premiums, interest, costs and actual attorney fees as provided by 15 USC § 2310(d)(2) or, in the alternative, that Plaintiff be awarded damages in whatever amount above \$25,000.00 he

is found to be entitled, plus interest, costs and actual attorney fees.

## COUNT VI - HOLDER LIABILITY DEFENDANT FINANCE CO.

- 48. Plaintiff incorporates by reference all allegations set forth in the General Allegation hereof and in Counts I, II, IV and V as though specifically alleged herein.
- 49. Fursuant to 16 C.F.R. 433, Defendant Finance Co. is subject to all of Plaintiff's claims and defenses arising out of the aforesaid sale.
- 50. Pursuant to the language of the finance contract, which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A", between Plaintiff and Defendant Finance Co., to-wit:

<u>Notice</u>: Any holder of the Consumer Credit Contract is subject to all claims and defenses which the debtor could assert against the seller of goods or services obtained pursuant hereto or with the proceeds hereof. Recovery hereunder by the debtor shall not exceed amounts paid by the debtor hereunder.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment against Defendent Finance Co. as follows:

- A. Money damages in an amount equal to Plaintiff's payments under the subject contract, plus interest, costs and attorney fees;
  - B. Cancellation of the remainder of the subject contract;
  - C. That Defendant Finance Co. be ordered to delete any

neutral or negative credit information from Plaintiff's credit history arising out of the subject transaction;

- D. That Defendant Finance Co. be enjoined from reporting any neutral or negative credit information concerning Plaintiff axising out of the subject transaction; and
- E. For such other and further relief as to the Court seems just in the premises.

Respectfully submitted,

WAGNER, McBRIDE, FORD & ASSOCIATES, P.A.

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THIS IS AN ARBITRATION MATTER. ASSESSMENT OF DAMAGES HEARING IS REQUESTED.

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FORD MOTOR COMPANY C/O CT Corporation 1515 Market Street, Suite 1210 Philadelphia, PA 19103 CIVIL ACTION

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- 1. Plaintiff, and the same and same and same and logal resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 2. Defendant, Ford Motor Company, is a business corporation qualified to do business and regularly conduct business in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and is a corporation of the State of Delaware, with its legal residence and principal place of business located at 300 Renaissance Center, P.O. Box 43301, Detroit, MI, 48243, and can be served at c/o CT Corporation, 1515 Market Street, Suite 1210, Philadelphia, PA, 19103.

#### BACKGROUND

- On or about January 02, 2003, Plaintiff purchased a new 2003 Ford F-250, manufactured and warranted by Defendant, bearing the Vehicle Identification Number 1FTNW21P33E
- The vehicle was purchased in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and is registered in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

- The contract price of the vehicle, including registration charges, document fees, sales tax, finance and bank charges, but <u>excluding</u> other collateral charges not specified, yet defined by the Lemon Law, totaled more than \$41,392.00.
- 6. In consideration for the purchase of said vehicle, Defendant issued to Plaintiff several warranties, guarantees, affirmations or undertakings with respect to the material or workmanship of the vehicle and/or remedial action in the event the vehicle fails to meet the promised specifications.
- The above-referenced warranties, guarantees, affirmations or undertakings are/were part of the basis of the bargain between Defendant and Plaintiff.
- 8. The parties' bargain includes an express 3-year / 36,000 mile warranty, as well as other guarantees, affirmations and undertakings as stated in Defendant's warranty materials and owner's manual.
- 9. However, as a result of the ineffective repair attempts made by Defendant through its authorized dealer(s), the vehicle is rendered substantially impaired, unable to be utilized for its intended purposes, and is worthless to Plaintiff.
- 10. Plaintiff has or may have resorted to Defendant's informal dispute settlement procedure, to the extent said procedure complies with 16 CFR 703.
- 11. Plaintiff avers that the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has determined that no automobile manufacturer complies with 16 CFR 703. See, Fed. Reg. 15636, Vol. 62, No. 63 (Apr. 2, 1997)

## COUNT I <u>PENNSYLVANIA AUTOMOBILE LEMON L</u>AW

- 12. Plaintiff hereby incorporates all facts and allegations set forth in this Complaint by reference as if fully set forth at length herein.
  - 13. Plaintiff is a "Purchaser" as defined by 73 P.S. §1952.
  - Defendant is a "Manufacturer" as defined by 73 P.S. §1952.

- 15. Chapman Ford Sales, Inc. is and/or was at the time of sale a Motor Vehicle Dealer in the business of buying, selling, and/or exchanging vehicles as defined by 73 P.S. §1952.
- 16. On or about January 02, 2003, Plaintiff took possession of the above mentioned vehicle and experienced nonconformities as defined by 73 P.S §1951 et seq., which substantially impair the use, value and/or safety of the vehicle.
- 17. The nonconformities described violate the express written warranties issued to Plaintiff by Defondant.
  - 18. Section 1955 of the Pennsylvania Automobile Lemon Law provides:

If a manufacturer field to repair or correct a nonconformity after a reasonable number of attempts, the manufacturer shall, at the optime of the purchaser, replace the motor vehicle... or accept return of the vehicle from the purchaser, and refund to the purchaser the full purchase price, including all collateral charges, less a reasonable allowance for the purchasers use of the vehicle, not exceeding 5.10 per mite driven or 10% of the purchase price of the vehicle, whichever is less.

- 19. Section 1956 of the Pennsylvania Automobile Lemon Law provides a presumption of a reasonable number of repair attempts if:
  - (1) The same nonconformity has been subject to repair three times by the manufacturer, its agents or antiportized dealers and the nonconformity still exists; or
  - (2) The vehicle is out-of-service by reason of any noncomformity for a cumulative total of thirty or more calcudar days.
- 20. Plaintiff has satisfied the above definition as the vehicle has been subject to repair more than three (3) times for the same nonconformity, and the nonconformity remained uncorrected.
- 21. In addition, the above vehicle has or will be out-of-service by reason of the nonconformities complained of for a cumulative total of thirty (30) or more calendar days.
- 22. Plaintiff has delivered the nonconforming vehicle to an authorized service and repair facility of the Defendant on numerous occasions as outlined below.
- After a reasonable number of attempts, Defendant was unable to repair the nonconformities.
- 24. The first documented warranty repair attempt is believed to have occurred on or before January 10, 2003, when the vehicle odometer showed 294 miles. On that date, repair attempts

were made to the abnormal check engine light on. A true and correct copy of the repair invoice is attached hereto, made a part hereof and marked Exhibit "A".

25. The second documented warranty repair attempt is believed to have occurred on or before January 30, 2003, when the vehicle odometer showed 4,354 miles. On that date, repair attempts were made to the defective outside rearview mirror and wipers. A true and correct copy of the repair invoice is attached hereto, made a part hereof and marked Exhibit "B".

26. The third documented warranty repair attempt is believed to have occurred on or before March 18, 2003, when the vehicle odometer showed 10,090 miles. On that date, repair attempts were made to the abnormal poor gas mileage and hard start condition. A true and correct copy of the repair invoice is attached hereto, made a part hereof and marked Exhibit \*C\*.

27. The vehicle continues to exhibit defects and nonconformities which substantially impair its use, value and/or safety as provided in 73 P.S. §1951 et seq. A true and correct copy of the additional warranty invoice is attached hereto, made a part hereof and marked Exhibit "D".

28. Plaintiff avers the vehicle has been subject to additional repair attempts for defects and conditions for which Defendant's warranty dealer did not provide or maintain itemized statements as required by 73 P.S. § 1957.

29. Plaintiff avers that such itemized statements, which were not provided as required by 73 P.S. § 1957 also include technicians' notes of diagnostic procedures and repairs, and Defendant's Technical Service Bulletins relating to this vehicle.

30. Plaintiff avers the vehicle has been subject to additional repair attempts for defects and conditions for which Defendant's warranty dealer did not provide the notification required by 73 P.S. § 1957.

31. Plaintiff has and will continue to suffer damages due to Defendant's failure to comply with the provisions of 73 P.S. §§ 1954 (repair obligations), 1955 (manufacturer's duty for refund or replacement), and 1957 (itemized statements required).

32. Pursuant to 73 P.S. § 1958, Plaintiff seeks relief for losses due to the vehicle's nonconformities, including the award of reasonable attorneys' fees and all court costs.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully demands judgment against Defendant in an amount equal to the price of the subject vehicle, plus all collateral charges, attorneys' fees, and court costs.

## COUNT II MAGNUSON-MOSS (FTC) WARRANTY IMPROVEMENT ACT

- 33. Plaintiff hereby incorporates all facts and allegations set forth in this Complaint by reference as if fully set forth at length herein.
  - Plaintiff is a "Consumer" as defined by 15 U.S.C. §2301(3).
- 35. Defendant is a "supplier", "warrantor", and a "service contractor" as defined by 15 U.S.C. § 2301 (4),(5) and (8).
  - The subject vehicle is a "consumer product" as defined by 15 U.S.C. § 2301(1).
- 37. By the terms of its written warranties, affirmations, promises, or service contracts, Defendant agreed to perform effective repairs at no charge for parts and/or labor.
- 38. The Magnuson-Moss Warranty Improvement Act requires Defendant to be bound by all warranties implied by state law. Said warranties are imposed on all transactions in the state in which the vehicle was delivered.
- 39. Defendant has made attempts on several occasions to comply with the terms of its express warranties; however, such repair attempts have been ineffective.
  - 40. The Magnuson-Moss Warranty Improvement Act, 15 U.S.C. §2310(d)(2) provides:

If a consumer finally prevails on an action brought under paragraph (1) of this subsection, he may be allowed by the court to recover as part of the judgment a sum equal to the amount of aggregate amount of costs and expenses (including attorney fees based upon actual time expended), determined by the court to have been reasonably incurred by the Plaintiff for, or in connection with the commencement and prosecution of such action, unless the court, in its discretion shall determine that such an award of attorney's fees would be inappropriate.

41. Plaintiff has afforded Defendant a reasonable number of opportunities to conform the vehicle to the aforementioned express warranties, implied warranties and contracts.

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- 42. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's faiture to comply with the express written warranties, Plaintiff has suffered damages and, in accordance with 15 U.S.C. §2310(d)(1), Plaintiff is entitled to bring suit for such damages and other legal and equitable relief.
- 43. Defendant's failure is a breach of Defendant's contractual and statutory obligations constituting a violation of the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Improvement Act, including but not limited to: breach of express warranties; breach of implied warranty of merchantability, breach of implied warranty of fitness for a particular purpose; breach of contract; and constitutes an Unfair Trade Practice.
- 44. Plaintiff avers Defendant's Dispute Resolution Program is not in compliance with 16 CFR 703 by the FTC for the period of time this claim was submitted.
- 45. Plaintiff evers that upon successfully prevailing upon the Magnuson-Moss claim herein, all attorney fees are recoverable and are demanded against Defendant.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully demands judgment against Defendant in an amount equal to the price of the subject vehicle, plus all collateral charges, incidental and consequential damages, reasonable attorneys' fees, and all court costs.

# COUNT III PENNSYLVANIA UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES AND CONSUMER PROTECTION LAW

- 46. Plaintiff hereby incorporates all facts and allegations set forth in this Complaint by reference as if fully set forth at length herein.
  - 47. Plaintiff is a "Person" as defined by 73 P.S. §201-2(2).
  - 48. Defendant is a "Person" as defined by 73 P.S. §201-2(2).
- 49. Section 201-9.2(a) of the Act authorizes a private cause of action for any person "who ourchases or leases goods or services primarily for personal, family or household purposes."

- 50. Section 1961 of the Pennsylvania Automobile Lemon Law, provides that a violation of its provisions shall automatically constitute a violation of the Pennsylvania Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Act, 73 P.S. 201-1 et seq.
- 51. In addition, the Pennsylvania Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Act, 73
  P.S. §201-2(4), defines "unfair or deceptive acts or practices" to include the following conduct:
  - (vii). Representing that goods or services are of a particular standard, quality or grade, or that goods are of a particular style or model, if they are of another,
  - (xiv). Failing to comply with the terms of any written guarantee or warranty given to the buyer at, prior to, or after a contract for the purchase of goods or services is made;
  - (xv). Knowingly misrepresenting that services, replacements or repairs are needed if they are not needed;
  - (xvi). Making repairs, improvements or replacements on tangible, real or personal property of a nature or quality inferior to or below the standard of that agreed to in writing;
  - (avii). Rugaging in any other fraudulent or deceptive conduct which creates a likelihood of confusion or of misendenstanding.
- 52. Plaintiff avers Defendant has violated these, as well as other provisions, of 73 P.S. §201-2 et seq.
- 53. Section 201-3.1 of the Act provides that the Automotive Industry Trade Practice tules and regulations adopted by the Attorney General for the enforcement of this Act shall constitute additional violations of the Act.
- 54. Defendant's conduct surrounding the sale and servicing of the subject vehicle falls within the aforementioned definitions of "unfair or deceptive acts or practices."
- 55. The Act also authorizes the Court, in its discretion, to award up to three (3) times the actual damages sustained for violations.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully demands judgment against Defendant in an amount not in excess of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), together with all collateral charges, attorneys' fees, all court costs and treble damages.

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ROBERT M. SILVERMAN, ESQUIRE

Attorney for Plaintiff 30 East Butler Pike Ambler, Pennsylvania 19002 (215) 540-8888

## VERIFICATION

Robert M. Silverman, states that he is the attorney for the Plaintiff herein; that he is acquainted with the facts set forth in the foregoing Complaint; that same are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief, and that this statement is made subject to the Penalties of 18 Pa. C.S.A. §4904, relating to unsworn falsifications to authorities.

ROBERT M. SILVERMAN, ESQUIRE
Attorney for Plaintiff

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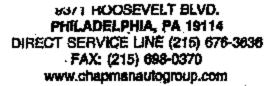
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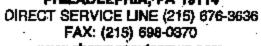
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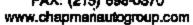
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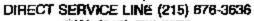
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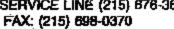
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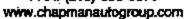
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LAW DIVISION CAMDISM COUNTY

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: CIVIL ACTION

: SUMMONS

THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, to the Above Hamed Defendant(s): YOU ARE HERRBY SUPPLEMED in a Civil Action in the Superior Court of New Jersey, instituted by the above maned plaintiff(s), and required to serve upon the attorney(s) for the plaintiff(s), whose name and office address appears above, an answer to the empered complaint within 35 days after the service of the summans and complaint upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to answer, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You shall promptly file your answer and proof of service thereof with the Clerk of the Superior Court, at Camden County, 101 S. 5th Street, Camden, N.J. 08103, in accordance with the rules of civil practice and procedure.

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Dated: October 27, 2003

DOMALD P. PHELAN, Clerk of the Superior Court

Name of defendant to be served: Ford Motor Company

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