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Safety Recall 06S42

Mr. John Sample  
123 Main Street  
Anywhere, USA 12345

Your Vehicle Identification Number: 12345678901234567

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Ford Motor Company has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2005 and 2006 model year Freestar and Monterey vehicles equipped with the power liftgate option.

We apologize for this situation and want to assure you that, with your assistance, we will correct this condition. Our commitment, together with Ford and Lincoln Mercury dealers, is to provide you with the highest level of service and support.

**What is the issue?** On your vehicle, the power liftgate motor automatically disengages after the liftgate is powered open. In the event of a liftgate strut malfunction, the liftgate can fall freely with no prior warning. Anyone standing beneath the liftgate may be injured if the liftgate falls.

**What will Ford and your dealer do?** Ford Motor Company and your dealer will reprogram the power liftgate module to eliminate the potential for the liftgate to fall. In the event that the liftgate begins to drop suddenly, the reprogrammed liftgate module will re-engage the liftgate motor and control lowering of the liftgate to the closed position. The vehicle operator will be alerted to this condition by rapid sounding (four times per second) of the liftgate closing chime. This service will be free of charge (parts and labor). We urge you to return to your dealer for this service.

**How long will it take?** The time needed for this repair is less than one-half day. However, due to service scheduling requirements, your dealer may need your vehicle for a longer period of time.

**What are we asking you to do?** Please call your dealer without delay and request a service date for Recall 06S42. Provide the dealer with the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) of your vehicle. The VIN is printed near your name at the beginning of this letter.

**What is the vehicle owner's responsibility?** While there is no expiration date for the service offered under Recall 06S42, the vehicle owner is responsible for having this recall service performed within a reasonable period of time. Ford Motor Company reserves the right to deny coverage for any vehicle damage that may result from failure to have this recall performed on a timely basis. Therefore, please have this recall service performed as soon as possible.

If you do not already have a servicing dealer, you can access <http://www.genuineservice.com> for dealer addresses, maps, and driving instructions.

**Fleet Owners:** To locate a dealer call 1-800-34FLEET. Representatives are available 9:30AM to 5:00PM Monday through Friday (Eastern Time Zone).

**Please note: Federal law requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.**

**Have you previously paid for this repair?** If you paid to remedy the issue addressed in this notice, you may be eligible for a refund.

To verify eligibility and expedite reimbursement, give your paid original receipt to your dealer.

Refund requests may be sent directly to Ford Motor Company. To request your refund from Ford, send the refund request with all required documentation, including your original repair receipt (no photocopies), to Ford Motor Company at P.O. Box 6251, Dearborn, Michigan 48121-6251. Refund requests mailed to this address may take up to 60 days to process. Your original receipt will be returned to you.

Detailed information regarding eligibility for Ford's reimbursement program and documentation requirements may be obtained by contacting the Ford Customer Relationship Center at 1-866-436-7332.

Owners who have previously paid for this repair still need to have the recall described in this letter performed.

**What if you no longer own this vehicle?** If you no longer own this vehicle, and have an address for the current owner, please forward this letter to the new owner.

You received this notice because government regulations require that notification be sent to the last known owner of record. Our records are based primarily on state registration and title data, which indicate that you are the current owner. As soon as we receive updated state registration data, we will revise our records.

**Can we assist you further?**

If you have difficulty getting your vehicle repaired promptly and without charge, please contact your dealership's Service Manager for assistance.

If you still have concerns, please contact the Ford Motor Company Customer Relationship Center and one of our representatives will be happy to assist you.

Call 1-800-392-3673. For the hearing impaired call 1-800-232-5952 (TDD).

Office Hours are Monday through Friday 8AM – 5PM (Your Local Time).

If you wish to contact us through the Internet, our address is:

[www.ownerconnection.com](http://www.ownerconnection.com)

Fleet Owners: If you still have concerns, please contact the Fleet Customer Information Center at 1-800-34-FLEET and one of our representatives will be happy to assist you. Representatives are available 9:30AM to 5:00PM Monday through Friday (Eastern Time Zone).

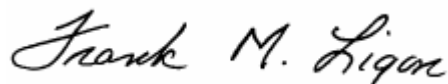
Or you may contact us through the internet at [www.fleet.ford.com](http://www.fleet.ford.com)

If you are still having difficulty getting your vehicle repaired in a reasonable time or without charge, you may write the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street S. W., Washington,

D. C. 20590 or call the toll free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153) or go to [www.safercar.gov/](http://www.safercar.gov/).

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Frank M. Ligon  
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