

**INITIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF NONCOMPLIANCE
INFORMATION REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

Assigned Recall No. **00V-157** by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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Part 573 Report Date: **June 12, 2000**

Manufacturer: **Ford Motor Company**

Manufacturer Contact: **Mr. L. W. Camp, Director, Automotive Safety Office**

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SUBJECT: 3,500 Ford 1996-2000 Crown Victoria, Mercury Grand Marquis and Lincoln Town Car vehicles manufactured from January 1 through June 13, 2000, fail to comply with the requirements of FMVSS No. 209, "Seat Belt Assemblies." The equipment involved is Service Stock Seat Belt Assemblies, Model Nos. H 9977, H 9979, T 9063, and T 9217, built by TRW Vehicle Safety Systems, Inc. (TRW) manufactured from June 1, 1998 through May 21, 2000. Some of these seat belt assemblies may have been installed as service replacement equipment on the vehicles involved in the recall. Ford Safety Recall No. 00S15.


This is an initial acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be forthcoming shortly. After our review of your report and associated documents, we may have additional comments or concerns.

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle which fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

Please provide the draft owner notification letter so we can review it before it is mailed to owners.

As stated in Part 573.6, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. As stated in your report, owner notification is expected to begin during July 2000. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due in this office by October 30, 2000.

If you have any questions, please call:

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Dear Mr. Camp:

We have reviewed Ford Motor Company's (Ford) Noncompliance Information Report dated June 12, 2000, submitted in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports." This recall involves 3,500 Ford 1996-2000 Crown Victoria, Mercury Grand Marquis and Lincoln Town Car vehicles manufactured from January 1 through June 13, 2000, which fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) No. 209, "Seat Belt Assemblies." The equipment involved is Service Stock Seat Belt Assemblies, Model No. H 9977, H 9979, T 9063, and T 9217, built by TRW Vehicle Safety Systems, Inc. (TRW) manufactured from June 1, 1998 through May 21, 2000. Some of these seat belt assemblies may have been installed as service replacement equipment on the vehicles involved in the recall. **The assigned Identification Number for this recall is 00V-157 (Ford Safety Recall No. 00S15).**

This recall was the subject of Preliminary Evaluation, PE-209-990528/CI-209-990528, conducted by the Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance.

Ford is responsible for the remedy of these vehicles from this date forward, regardless of vehicle age, mileage, or ownership.

Quarterly Status Reports

As stated in Part 573.6, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. As stated in your report, owner notification is expected to begin during late July 2000. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due in this office by October 30, 2000.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Pat Wallace at (202) 366-5232 or fax at (202)366-7882.

Sincerely,

Jonathan D. White, Chief
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Safety Assurance