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

Assigned Recall No. 00V-115 by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: April 13, 2000

Manufacturer: **Ford Motor Company**

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SUBJECT: 3,300 Ford 1999-2000 Econoline E-350 cutaways and stripped chassis with single rear wheels manufactured from August 17, 1998 through December 23, 1999. The lug nuts can potentially bottom out on a shoulder on the studs. If this occurs, inadequate clamp load to attach the wheel to the axle can occur, resulting in noise, damage to the wheel and hub, or in extreme cases, loss of a rear wheel while the vehicle is being driven. Ford Safety Recall No. 00S08.

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.

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 May 15, 2000. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due in this office by July 30, 2000.

If you have any questions, please call:



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