

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

Assigned Recall No. 00V-292.001 by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

OCT 19 2000

Part 573 Report Date: **October 2, 2000**

Manufacturer: **Ford Motor Company**

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

FAX: **(313) 594-2268**


SUBJECT: 67,200 Ford 1999-2000 Mercury Villagers manufactured from September 18, 1998 through March 6, 2000. One or more of the five bolts that mount the rack and pinion steering gear to the vehicle may have been incorrectly tightened. Ford Safety Recall No. 00S33.

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.

In accordance with Part 577, amended July 7, 1995, a draft owner notification letter must be submitted for review prior to mailing.

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 October 30, 2000. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due in this office by January 30, 2001.

If you have any questions, please call:



Patricia Wallace, Recall Analyst on (202) 366-5232
or Jonathan White, Chief on (202) 366-5226
or by FAX (202) 366-7882
Recall Analysis Division

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF
DEALER/OWNER NOTIFICATION DOCUMENTS
SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 577.6**

MAY 25 2000

Assigned Recall No. 00Y-292.001 by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 577 Report Date: **October 24, 2000**

Manufacturer: **Ford Motor Company**

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

FAX: **(313) 594-2268**

SUBJECT: 67,200 Ford 1999-2000 Mercury Villagers manufactured from September 18, 1998 through March 6, 2000. One or more of the five bolts that mount the rack and pinion steering gear to the vehicle may have been incorrectly tightened. Ford Safety Recall No. 00S33.

NOTIFICATION TO PURCHASERS:

We have reviewed your proposed owner notification letter and it meets the requirements of Part 577.

Notes: Please change the NHTSA toll-free number to 1-888-327-4236. Also remove the reference to the Washington, DC local line. That telephone number is no longer a working number.

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Assigned Recall No. 00V-292,002 by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

OCT 19 2000

Part 573 Report Date: **October 2, 2000**

Manufacturer: **Nissan North America, Inc.**

Manufacturer Contact: **Mr. Frank D. Slaveter, Manager, Technical Compliance**

FAX: **(310) 771-3017**

SUBJECT: 70,000 Nissan 1999-2000 Quest mini vans manufactured from September 18, 1998 through March 13, 2000. One or more of the five bolts that mount the rack and pinion steering gear to the vehicle may have been incorrectly tightened.

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.

Per our telephone conversation on October 18, 2000, the draft owner notification letter meets the requirements of Part 577.

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 noted in your report, owner notification is expected to begin during late November 2000. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by January 30, 2001.

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