

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

Assigned Recall No. 00V-338.001 by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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Part 573 Report Date: **October 20, 2000**

Manufacturer: **Ford Motor Company**

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

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SUBJECT: 2,500 Ford 2001 Mercury Villager mini vans manufactured from September 25, through October 11, 2000. These vehicles may have the plastic trim cover around the base of the front seat safety belt buckle trapped between the shoulder of the restraint anchorage bolt and the seat pedestal. The restraint buckle anchorage may not have the intended clamp load. Ford Safety Recall No. 00S36.

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.

We have reviewed your draft owner letter and it 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 stated in your report, owner notification is expected to begin November 20, 2000. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due in this office by January 30, 2001.

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.

If you have any questions, please call:

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