

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

Assigned Recall No. 00V-349,001 by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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Part 573 Report Date: **January 9, 2001**

Manufacturer: **Q Vale Automotive Group Srl (QAG)**

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SUBJECT: 157 QAG 2000-2001 Mangusta vehicles equipped with Ford Motor Company hand brakes and manufactured from November 1999 through December 2000. If a vehicle is parked with the parking brake not fully applied and not in first gear, as directed in the Owner Guide, and the self adjustment pawl subsequently skips one or two teeth, the vehicle could move on some grades.

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 owner notification letter and it meets the requirements of Part 577. However, please note for future reference that the Auto Safety Hotline number has changed. The new number is 1-888-327-4236 and no reference to the Washington, DC line is necessary. The number you used in your letter is still being used. We are gradually going over to the new number.

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 was to begin December 22, 2000. Since this was close to the end of the quarter, the first quarterly report will be due in this office by April 30, 2001.

If you have any questions, please call:

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