

L. W. Camp, Director
Automotive Safety and Engineering Standards Office
Ford Motor Company
Fairlane Plaza South
330 Town Center Drive
Dearborn, MI 48126

NSA-11paw
00V-115

JUN -2 2000

Dear Mr. Camp:

We have reviewed Ford Motor Company's (Ford) Defect Information Report dated April 13, 2000, submitted in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports." This recall involves 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. The assigned ID number for this recall campaign is 00V-115 (Ford Safety Recall No. 00S08).

Ford is responsible for the remedy of these vehicles from this day 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 May 15, 2000. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due in this office by July 30, 2000.

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

Sincerely,

/s/

Jonathan D. White, Chief
Recall Analysis Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Safety Assurance