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SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573

Assigned Recall No. **01V-258** by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration   **AUG 1 6 2001**

Part 573 Report Date: **August 3, 2001**

Manufacturer: **Ford Motor Company**

Manufacturer Contact: **Mr. James P. Vondale, Director, Automotive Safety Office**

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SUBJECT: **1,083,000 Ford 2000-2001 Focus, Taurus, Expedition, Excursion, F-150, F-250, F-350, F-450, F-550, F-650, F-750, Lincoln Continental, Town Car, Navigator, and Mercury Sable model vehicles manufactured from February 11 through September 4, 2000. A switch located in the plastic cover of the wiper motor gear case could malfunction and overheat, potentially resulting in loss of intermittent wiper function, loss of wiper park function, complete loss of wiper function, smoke, or, potentially, ignition of the plastic cover material. Switch malfunction is most likely to occur when the intermittent setting of the wipers is being used, or when snow or ice obstructs the blades from returning to the "parked" position at the bottom of the windshield.** _Ford Recall No. 01S24._

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 notification 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 September 17, 2001._ Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due in this office by October 30, 2001.

If you have any questions, please call:

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