

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

Assigned Recall No. **02V-068** by the  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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Part 573 Report Date: **March 5, 2002**

Manufacturer: **Ford Motor Company**

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**SUBJECT: 51,846 Ford 1999 F-250, F-350, F-450, and F-550 pickup trucks equipped with manual transmissions and manufactured from January 3, 1998 through September 30, 1998. Fatigue failure of the front parking brake cable input button these vehicles could result in failure of the parking brake system to hold the vehicle stationary. Ford Recall No. 02S34.**

This is an acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be written ONLY if we have additional comments or concerns.

This recall was the subject of an Engineering Analysis, EA01-002, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

Please provide us with a draft owner notification letter for our review before mailing to consumers.

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 April 8, 2002. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by July 30, 2002.

If you have any questions, please call:



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