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SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573

Assigned Recall No. **02V-288** by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: **November 4, 2002**

Date Faxed: **November 5, 2002**

Manufacturer: **Ford Motor Company**

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

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SUBJECT: **200,854 Ford 2000-2001 Focus passenger vehicles equipped with Zetec engines, and manufactured from July 19, 1999 through May 31, 2001, in order to inspect the battery cables and reroute or replace them as necessary. Loose or broken attachments and misrouted battery cables could lead to cable insulation damage. This, in turn, could cause the battery cables to short resulting in heat damage to the cables. Besides heat damage, the "check engine" light may illuminate, the vehicle may fail to start, or smoke, melting, or fire could also occur. Ford Recall No. 02S41.**

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 a Preliminary Evaluation, PE02-014, 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 January 20, 2003. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by April 30, 2003.

If you have any questions, please call:



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