

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

Assigned Recall No. **03V-472** by the  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Report Date: **November 3, 2003**

✓ Date Faxed: **November 18, 2003**

MANUFACTURER: **Ford Motor Company**

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**SUBJECT: 4,218 Ford 1996-2003 Crown Victoria natural gas vehicles. If a flame from a vehicle interior fire becomes locally directed at the natural gas fuel tank located immediately behind the rear seat, the flame could damage the fiberglass wrap on the tank thereby reducing the hoop strength of the tank. If the hoop strength is significantly compromised, the tank could rupture. Ford's Recall No. 03S08.**

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, EA03-001, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

Please provide 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 November 13, 2003, letter, owner notification is expected to begin January 6, 2004. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by April 30, 2004.

**NOTE: Please provide the beginning and ending manufacturing dates for the involved vehicles.**

If you have any questions, please call:



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