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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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

Assigned Recall No. <u>04V-604</u> by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: December 20, 2004 Date E-Mailed: December 23, 2004

MANUFACTURER: Ford Motor Company

MANUFACTURER CONTACT: James Vondale, Director, Automotive Safety Office

SUBJECT: 283 Ford 2005 GT passenger vehicles manufactured from February 20 through December 9, 2004. The upper and lower control arms may have casting imperfections at the end of each arm that may result in the arm fracturing. Ford Recall No. 04S26.

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

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

As stated in Part 573.7, 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, the recall is expected to begin on January 15, 2005. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by April 30, 2005.

If you have any questions, please call:

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