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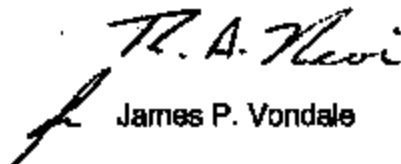
Kenneth N. Weinstein
Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Mr. Weinstein:

RE: Amendment to Ford's Notification Letter for Recall No. 04C07 - 2004 model year F-250 and F-350 Lariat and King Ranch Models requiring LT275/65R18E tires.

This is a supplement to Ford Motor Company's May 13, 2004 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Non-Compliance notification regarding Recall No. 04C07 - 2004 model year F-250 and F-350 Lariat and King Ranch Models. Information in Part 573.6 (c) (2) is being revised to provide information concerning the production scope of the affected vehicles. New data came to Ford's attention from dealer reports indicating additional vehicles, beyond the last production date, have been brought in for service for this condition. Additional investigation subsequently revealed an expanded production period when the supplier shipped "C" load rated tires mixed with "E" rated tires. Information in Part 573.6 (c) (3) is being revised to provide an updated summary regarding additional volume of vehicles and information in Part 573.6 (c) (8) is being revised to update the new end date for the supplement owner notification letters due to the revised last production date.

Sincerely,



James P. Vondale

Attachment



49 CFR Part 573 - NON-COMPLIANCE INFORMATION REPORT
04C07- 2004 Model Year Ford F-250 and F-350 Lariat and King Ranch models

Pursuant to Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Defect and Noncompliance Reports, Ford Motor Company (Ford) submits the following information concerning a potential noncompliance to the requirements of Section S5.3.1 of FMVSS 120 for certain 2004 model year F-250 and F-350 Lariat and King Ranch models.

573.6 (c) (2) - Potentially Affected Vehicles

Certain 2004 model year F-250 and F-350 Lariat and King Ranch models built from January 15, 2004 through May 27, 2004 at the Kentucky Truck Assembly Plant are potentially affected.

Because these vehicles are not produced in VIN order, information as to the applicability of this action to specific vehicles can best be obtained by either calling Ford's toll-free line (1-800-392-3673) or by contacting a local Ford dealer who can obtain specific information regarding the vehicles from the Ford On-line Automotive Service Information System (OASIS) database.

573.6 (c) (3) -- Estimated Population of Vehicles Potentially Affected

Approximately 8,415 vehicles in the United States and Federated Territories.

573.6 (c) (8) Service Program

Ford notified dealers to stop demonstrating or delivering the affected vehicles until vehicle inspections are performed and tires replaced as appropriate. Ford will notify owners and instruct them to take their vehicles to a Ford or Lincoln-Mercury dealer for tire inspection and, if necessary, tire replacement.

There will be no charge to owners for this service. Mailing of owner notification letters will begin May 21, 2004 and be completed by June 22, 2004.

In accordance with Part 573.13 (d) (1), Ford is excluding reimbursement for costs incurred by owners for repair of this problem as Ford's original warranty program would have provided for a free repair of the problem.