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June 16, 2004

Mr. 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 Ford Recall No. 04L20 - Certain 2002 model year E-350 Wagons and certain 2002-2003 model year Ford E-250 Vans equipped with LT225/75R16E tires.

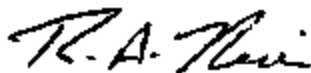
This is a supplement to the Ford Motor Company (Ford) May 4, 2004 49 CFR Part 573 non-compliance notification to the agency regarding Recall No. 04L20 - 2002 model year E-350 Wagons and 2002-2003 model year Ford E-250 Vans.

Information in Part 573.6 (c) (3) is being revised to update the vehicle model population, because analysis of production data has determined that an additional 13 vehicles were produced during the affected time period.

Information in Part 573.6 (c) (5) is being revised to remove the 2003 model year E-250 Vans from the incorrect tire pressure portion of the recall population because analysis of production data has determined that no vehicles of that configuration were sold to customers.

Information in Part 573.6 (c) (8) is being revised to update the beginning and end mail date to June 30, 2004. The extension of the mailing date is required to allow for additional analysis of vehicle weight data as well as provide the necessary time to evaluate and determine the models and population affected.

Sincerely,



James P. Vondale

Attachment



49 CFR Part 573 - NON-COMPLIANCE INFORMATION REPORT
04L20 – 2002 Model Year Ford E-350 Wagons and 2002-2003 Model Year Ford E-250 Vans

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

Approximately 28,456 vehicles in the United States and Federated Territories.

573.6 (c) (5) – Description of Non-Compliance

49 CFR Part 567 Section 4 (4) requires that the certification label contain the "Gross Axle Weight Rating" (GAWR) in pounds for each axle. For certain 2003 E-250 Vans built with LT225/75R16E tires the rear axle rating is incorrectly listed on the label. In addition, FMVSS 120 Section S5.3.1 requires the label to indicate the tire size and recommended cold inflation pressure such that the sum of the load ratings of the tires on each axle is appropriate for the GAWR on the label. The tire pressure is incorrectly listed on the label for the rear tires on certain 2002 E-350 Wagons and for the front tires on certain 2002 E-250 Vans built with LT225/75R16E tires.

As of April 26, 2004 there are no known reports of accidents or injuries attributed to this condition.

573.6 (c) (8) Service Program

Ford will mail supplementary tire labels containing correct information to the affected owners with instructions for installation. Customers will be given the opportunity to have the label installed by the dealer at no cost if the customer does not feel comfortable installing the label.

There will be no charge to owners for this service. Mailing of owner notification letters will begin June 30, 2004 and be completed by June 30, 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.