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SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

Assigned Recall No. **04V-105** by the  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Report Date: **March 1, 2004**

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MANUFACTURER: **Ford Motor Company**

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**SUBJECT: 399,926 Ford 2003 Taurus and Mercury Sable vehicles manufactured from April 16, 2002 through September 18, 2003. The process used to manufacture the air filter paper was altered which resulted in an air filter paper element that can smolder or burn. Ford's Recall No. 04S11.**

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

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. Owner notification is expected to begin on March 10, 2004. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by April 30, 2004.

If you have any questions, please call:



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