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

Assigned Recall No. <u>04V-106</u> by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Report Date: March 1, 2004 Date Faxed/E-Mailed: March 3, 2004

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SUBJECT: 938,789 Ford 2000-2003 Taurus and Mercury Sable vehicles equipped with adjustable pedal assemblies and manufactured from May 3, 1999 through March 31, 2003. A malfunctioning stop lamp switch and/or associated wiring could render the stop lamps inoperable or cause them to stay on all the time. If the switch and/or associated wiring fail in the open position, the brake lights will not actuate and the driver will not be able to shift the vehicle out of park. If the switch and/or associated wiring fail in the closed position, the brake lights will remain on, which will not allow the speed control to be activated or could cause the battery to discharge. Ford's Recall No. 04S12.

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 investigation, RQ03-008, 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. Owner notification is expected to begin on May 5, 2004. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by July 30, 2004.

If you have any questions, please call:

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