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

Assigned Recall No. **04V-327** by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: **July 6, 2004**

Date Faxed/E-Mailed: **July 12, 2004**

MANUFACTURER: **Ford Motor Company**

MANUFACTURER CONTACT: **James Vondale, Director, Automotive Safety Office**

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SUBJECT: 83,687 Ford 2003 F-250-F-550 pickup trucks and 2003 Excursion sport utility vehicles. The engine ground attachment may be loose. A loose battery ground may produce a high resistance ground path. If the resistance is sufficient, the electrical current can seek an alternative path with lower resistance. The radio suppression strap is a path that provides lower resistance, but if the condition occurs, may carry more current than intended.

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

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. As stated in your report, owner notification is expected to begin during July 2004. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by October 30, 2004.

Please let me know when the actual mailing takes place, and as usual, provide this office with final copies of all documents relating to the recall.

If you have any questions, please call:

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