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

Assigned Recall No. **04V-445** by the  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: **September 9, 2004**      Date Faxed/E-Mailed: **September 17, 2004**

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**SUBJECT: 253,076 Ford 2003-2004 E-Series (E-150-E-550) vans, the air filter element material process resulted in an air filter paper element that can smolder or burn. This change in filter paper composition combined with the configuration of the air induction system, may allow hot carbon particles to contact the air filter element during certain driving conditions that create hot particles. Ford Recall No. 04S23.**

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, the recall is expected to begin October 8, 2004. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by January 30, 2005.

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