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

Assigned Recall No. **04V-446** 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: **34,013 Ford 2004 Freestar and Mercury Monterey minivans manufactured from February 23, 2004 through May 13, 2004, may have been produced with front wheel hub assemblies that were not heat treated correctly. This condition may lead to the development of small cracks in the hub. If the cracks were to progress, this could eventually result in wheel separation. Wheel separation may lead to loss of vehicle control, and potentially result in a vehicle crash. Ford Recall No. 04S24.**

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 during September 20, 2004. Since we are at the end of this quarter, the first quarterly report will be due by January 30, 2005.

If you have any questions, please call:

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