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Dearborn, Michigan 48121

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Safety Recall 04S12

Mr. John Sample
123 Main Street
Anywhere, USA 12345

Your Vehicle Identification Number: 12345678901234567

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. Ford Motor Company has decided that a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists in all 2000 Taurus and Sable vehicles and certain 2001 through 2003 Taurus and Sable vehicles equipped with adjustable pedals.

We apologize for this situation and want to assure you, that with your assistance, we will correct this condition. Our commitment, together with Ford and Lincoln Mercury dealers, is to provide you with the highest level of service and support possible.

What is the issue?

The stop lamp switch and/or associated wiring may fail causing your brake lights to either not illuminate when the brake pedal is depressed or stay on continuously. Malfunctioning brake lights may not alert other drivers that the vehicle is slowing down which may result in a rear end crash. If the switch and/or associated wiring fail in the open position, the brake lights will not illuminate and the driver will not be able to shift the vehicle out of park. If the switch fails in the closed position, the brake lights will remain on, which will not allow the speed control to be activated or may cause the battery to discharge.

What will Ford and your dealer do?

Ford Motor Company and your dealer will replace the stop lamp switch and wire harness free of charge (parts and labor). We urge you to return to your dealer for this service.

How long will it take?

The time needed for this repair is less than one-half day. However, due to service scheduling requirements, your dealer may need your vehicle for a longer period of time.

What are we asking you to do?

Please call your dealer without delay and request a service date for Safety Recall 04S12. Provide the dealer with the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) of your vehicle. The VIN is printed near your name at the beginning of this letter. If you do not already have a servicing dealer, you can access <http://www.genuinefordservice.com> for dealer addresses, maps, and driving instructions.

Please note: Federal law requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

Have you previously paid for this repair?

If you paid to remedy the issue addressed in this notice, you may be eligible for a refund either through your dealer or directly from Ford Motor Company.

To verify eligibility and expedite reimbursement, give your paid original receipt to your dealer. Refund requests, including all required documentation, may also be mailed to Ford at P.O. Box 1904, Dearborn, Michigan 48121. Refund requests mailed to Ford may take up to 60 days to process.

Detailed information regarding eligibility for Ford's reimbursement program and documentation requirements may be obtained by contacting the Ford Customer Relationship Center at 1-866-436-7332.

Have you changed your address or sold the vehicle?

If you have, please fill out the enclosed prepaid postcard and mail it to us so we can update our records. If you have sold the vehicle, the information you provide on the postcard will be used to notify the new owner about this recall.

Can we assist you further?

If you have difficulty getting your vehicle repaired promptly and without charge, please contact your dealership's Service Manager for assistance.

If you still have concerns, please contact the Ford Motor Company Customer Relationship Center and one of our representatives will be happy to assist you:

Call 1-866-436-7332

1-800-232-5952 (TDD for the hearing impaired.)

Office Hours: (Eastern Time Zone)

Monday – Friday: 8AM – 8PM

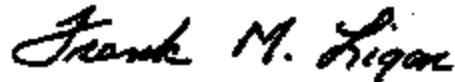
Saturday: 9AM – 5:30PM

If you wish to contact us through the Internet, our address is: www.ownerconnection.com

If you are still having difficulty getting your vehicle repaired in a reasonable time or without charge, you may write the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street S. W., Washington, D. C. 20590 or call the toll free Auto Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 or 1-800-424-9393.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frank M. Ligon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "F" and "L".

Frank M. Ligon
Director
Service Engineering Operations