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Ford Motor Company
P. O. Box 1904
Dearborn, Michigan 48121

March 2005

Compliance Recall 04C09 (2001-2003 Owners)

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 certain 2001-2003 model year Escape vehicles were serviced with liftgate latch assemblies that fail to conform to certain requirements specified in Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No 206: Door Locks and Door Retention Components.

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

- What is the issue?** Our records indicate that your vehicle was serviced with a rear liftgate latch assembly that fails to conform to the inertia load requirements specified in Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 206. If the liftgate is left unlocked, there is the potential that it may open during a severe collision, and could allow cargo to fall from the vehicle potentially presenting a road hazard.
- What will Ford and your dealer do?** Ford Motor Company and your dealer will install the latest level latch release rod, revised release rod clip and liftgate handle return spring.
The above service will be performed 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 Recall 04C09. 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.genuineflmservice.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 6251, Dearborn, Michigan 48121-6251. 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. Owners who have previously paid for this repair are still eligible to have the recall described in this letter performed.

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 1-800-392-3673. For the hearing impaired call 1-800-232-5952 (TDD).

Office Hours: (Eastern Time Zone)

Monday – Friday: 8AM – 8PM

Saturday: 9AM – 5:30PM

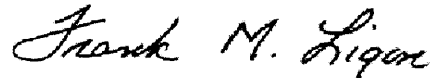
If you wish to contact us through the Internet, our address is:

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,



Frank M. Ligon

Director

Service Engineering Operations



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What is the issue? The rear liftgate latch on your Escape fails to conform to the inertia load requirements specified in Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No 206. If the liftgate is left unlocked, there is the potential that it may open during a severe collision, and could allow cargo to fall from the vehicle potentially presenting a road hazard.

What will Ford and your dealer do? Ford Motor Company and your dealer will install the latest level latch release rod and a revised release rod clip. In addition, your dealer will also install a revised liftgate handle return spring on 2004 model year Escape vehicles.

The above services will be performed free of charge (parts and labor). We urge you to return to your dealer for this service.

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