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Dear Sir

This letter serves as compliance with 49 CFR Part 573.7 as the third quarterly status report for the Ford Motor Company Escort and Mercury Tracer platform “service replacement” seatbelt assembly campaign.

573.7 (b)(1)

A recall campaign number of 04E-048 has been assigned to this matter by the NHTSA.

573.7 (b)(2)

Initial notifications to customer’s who purchased subject Ford Escort/Mercury Tracer “service replacement” seatbelt assemblies involved in this recall campaign, as identified by Ford Motor Company dealers, were mailed beginning August 27, 2004.

573.7 (b)(3)

As of April 28, 2005 the number of vehicles involved in the campaign is 274 (no change).

Total quantity of suspect seatbelt assemblies built is 388 (no change).

Quantity of suspect seatbelt assemblies returned from Ford Customer Service Division (FCSD) warehouse inventory is 110 (no change).

Quantity of suspect seatbelt assemblies returned from Ford/Mercury dealers inventory is 4 (no change).

Quantity of suspect seatbelts believed to be built into vehicles is 274 (no change).

573.7 (b)(4)

On July 13, 2004 Ford Motor Company identified to TRW 276 Ford/Mercury dealers having received suspect seatbelt assemblies.

276 Ford/Mercury dealers were sent notices by TRW on July 30, 2004 requesting information regarding customers to whom suspect seatbelt assemblies were sold.

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194 Ford/Mercury dealers who did not respond to the first notice were sent a second notice by TRW on September 02, 2004 requesting information regarding customers to whom suspect seatbelt assemblies were sold. As of April 28, 2005 a total of 45 dealers have responded to the second notice.

To date, 81 customers have been identified (no change).

81 recall customer notices were sent beginning August 27, 2004 (no change).

Customers that have responded is revised from 19 to 20.

20 replacement seatbelt assemblies have been sent to Ford/Mercury dealers for repair of the subject customer vehicles. TRW has been working with customers to schedule and facilitate repairs. To date, TRW has received dealer invoices for 12 of the 19 vehicle repairs.

No seatbelt returns have been found to be outside the recall window.

2 customer responses have been received as of April 28, 2005 indicating vehicles have been scrapped (no change).

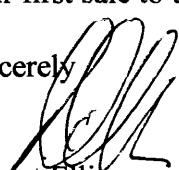
573.7 (b)(5)

As of April 28, 2005 there have been 2 vehicles identified as unreachable for repair due to scrapping of the vehicle. Also, there has been 1 vehicle identified as unreachable for repair due to sale of vehicle to another party with no forwarding information available (no change).

573.7 (b)(6)

As of April 28, 2005 there have been 114 subject seatbelt assemblies returned prior to their first sale to the public (no change).

Sincerely


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