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NVS-215
05V-310

Subject: TIRES

Dear MR. VONDALE:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect or noncompliance information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this is the information that will be made available to the public.

Makes/Models/Model Years:
FORD/EXPEDITION/2006
LINCOLN/NAVIGATOR/2006

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-310

Recall Date: July 5, 2005

Components:
TIRES:TREAD/BELT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 10,061

Summary:
ON CERTAIN SPORT UTILITY VEHICLES, THE LEFT HAND SIDE TIRES MAY HAVE DAMAGE AT THE CENTER TREAD. THE TREAD DAMAGE WAS CAUSED BY A SECTION OF STEEL FINGERPLATE ON A CONVEYOR THAT HAD BECOME SHARP OVER TIME DUE TO WEAR.

Consequence:
OVER TIME, THE DAMAGE MAY BE SUFFICIENT TO ALLOW BELT CORROSION WHICH COULD ULTIMATELY LEAD TO A TREAD SEPARATION, WHICH COULD RESULT IN A CRASH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL HAVE ALL FOUR TIRES INSPECTED (TO ENSURE INSPECTION OF THE LEFT HAND SIDE TIRES THAT MAY HAVE BEEN ROTATED TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE VEHICLE) FOR TIRE TREAD DAMAGE AND, IF NECESSARY, REPLACE THE DAMAGED TIRE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON JULY 15, 2005. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT FORD AT 1-800-392-3673.

Notes:

FORD RECALL NO. 05S35. CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

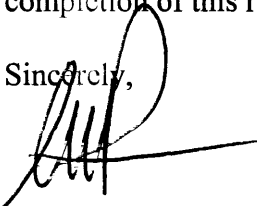
Effective October 21, 2004, a manufacturer must provide an estimated dealer notification date as well as an owner notification date (month/day/year) when submitting a defect/noncompliance report (Part 573.6).

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, 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, owner notification is expected to begin during July 2005. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by October 30, 2005.

Your contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov or delia.lopez@NHTSA.dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement