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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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JAMES VONDALE
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ENVIRONMENTAL & SAFETY ENGINEERING
FORD MOTOR COMPANY
330 TOWN CENTER DRIVE SUITE 400
DEARBORN MI 48126-2738

NVS-215
05V-521

Subject: CAB ENTRY STEP REINFORCEMENT

Dear MR. VONDALE:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect 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/LCF/2006

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-521

Mfg's Report Date: November 7, 2005

Components: STRUCTURE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 2,488

Summary:

ON CERTAIN MEDIUM DUTY CHASSIS CAB, THE CAB ENTRY STEP PLATFORMS ON EITHER SIDE OF THE VEHICLE MAY CRACK DURING NORMAL USE.

Consequence:

A PERSON STEPPING OR STANDING ON THE PLATFORM WHEN IT BREAKS COULD BE INJURED.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSTALL REINFORCEMENT BRACKETS ON BOTH CAB ENTRY STEP PLATFORMS. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON NOVEMBER 28, 2005. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT FORD AT 1-800-343-5338.

Notes:

FORD RECALL NO. 05S41. 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).

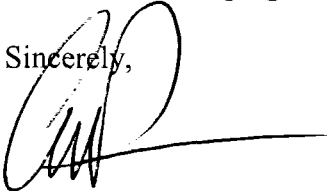
The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

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 on November 28, 2005. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by January 30, 2006.

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