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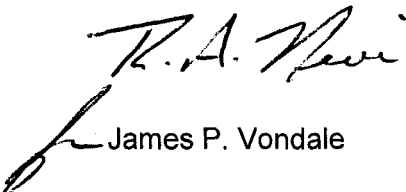
Subject: Ford Recall No. 05S39 – Certain 2006 Model Year Lincoln Navigator vehicles equipped with automatic transmissions

Summary

- Ford Action -- Ford is conducting a voluntary safety recall involving certain 2006 model year Lincoln Navigator vehicles for replacement of the 'park' pawl guide plate.
- Number of Vehicles Involved – Approximately 289 vehicles in the United States and Federalized Territories.
- Effect on Vehicle Operation – A limited number of transmissions may have been produced with a park pawl guide plate, which is part of the transmission 'park' mechanism, that may have been improperly heat treated. Improper heat-treating may result in a soft guide plate that may notch when exposed to high loads during certain applications of engaging the 'park' position in the transmission. A notch may prevent 'park' from being engaged in the transmission when the shift lever indicates the transmission is in 'park', which may allow a vehicle to roll away without warning. Ford is not aware of any related incidents on vehicles in customer service.
- Service Procedure – Owners will be notified and instructed to take their vehicles to a Ford or Lincoln-Mercury dealer to have the transmission 'park' pawl guide plate replaced.

Attached is the detailed information required by the applicable portions of 49 CFR Part 573 -- Defect and Non-Compliance Information Report.

Sincerely,


James P. Vondale

Attachment



49 CFR Part 573 -- DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT
05S39 -- 2006 MODEL YEAR LINCOLN NAVIGATOR VEHICLES
PARK PAWL GUIDE PLATE

Pursuant to Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Defect and Noncompliance Reports, Ford Motor Company submits the following information concerning a safety recall action that it is voluntarily initiating.

573.6 (c) (2) -- Potentially Affected Vehicles

Vehicles potentially affected are certain 2006 model year Lincoln Navigator vehicles built at the Michigan Truck Plant (MTP) from September 8, 2005 through October 3, 2005.

Although Ford vehicles are not produced in VIN order and we typically cannot provide VIN specific Information, in this instance Ford is able to provide the specific VIN list. See Attachment II.

573.6 (c) (3) -- Estimated Population of Vehicles Potentially Affected

Approximately 289 vehicles in the United States and Federalized Territories.

573.6 (c) (4) -- Estimated Percentage of Affected Vehicles with the Defect Condition

Unknown.

573.6 (c) (5) -- Description of the Defect

A limited number of transmissions may have been produced with a park pawl guide plate, which is part of the transmission 'park' mechanism, that may have been improperly heat-treated. Improper heat-treating may result in a soft guide plate that may notch when exposed to high loads during certain applications of engaging the 'park' position in the transmission. A notch may prevent 'park' from being engaged in the transmission when the shift lever indicates the transmission is in 'park', which may allow a vehicle to roll away without warning. Ford is not aware of any related incidents on vehicles in customer service.

573.6 (c) (6) -- Chronology of Events

On October 6, 2005 ZF Getriebe GmbH (ZF) notified Ford of a potential safety defect in certain transmissions manufactured by ZF. ZF determined that two shipments of guide plates from a sub-supplier contained soft plates and were built into transmissions that could be traced by serial number. Ford issued a stop ship at Michigan Truck Assembly Plant (MTP) to hold and inspect vehicles on October 6, 2005. An investigation was undertaken, including inspection of vehicles and production data. It was determined that vehicles with suspect transmissions had been built starting on September 8, 2005.

573.6 (c) (8) -- Service Program

Owners will be notified and instructed to take their vehicles to a Ford or Lincoln-Mercury dealer to have the transmission 'park' pawl guide plate replaced. There will be no charge to owners for this service.

Mailing of owner notification letters will begin November 17, 2005 and be completed on November 17, 2005. Notification to Dealers will begin on November 7, 2005 and be completed on November 7, 2005.

In accordance with Part 573.13 (d) (1), Ford is excluding reimbursement for costs incurred by owners for repair of this problem because Ford's original warranty program would provide for a free repair for this concern for customers.

573.6 (c) (9) -- Press statement and Dealer/Owner Letters

Ford does not at this time plan to make a statement to the media concerning the subject matter of this action. A copy of the notification letters to dealers and owners from Ford will be forwarded to the agency when available.

573.6 (c) (11) -- Recall Number

Ford has assigned recall number 05S39 to this action.

Attachment II

VIN List

05S39

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