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Safety Recall 05S28

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 a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2000 model year F-150, Expedition, Navigator, and 2001 F-150 SuperCrew vehicles equipped with speed control. We apologize for this situation and want to assure you that, with your assistance, we will correct this condition. Our commitment, together with Ford and Lincoln Mercury dealers, is to provide you with the highest level of service and support.

#### What is the issue?

On your vehicle, an underhood speed control deactivation switch may overheat, smoke, or burn, which could result in an underhood fire. This condition may occur either when the vehicle is parked or when it is being operated, even if the speed control is not in use.

### What will Ford and your dealer do?

Parts to repair your vehicle will not be available until April or May 2005, and as a result, we are implementing a two-stage repair process. Until parts are available for the permanent repair, you should contact your dealer to make an appointment to have the electrical connector disconnected from the speed control deactivation switch, which is located under the hood of your vehicle. This procedure will disable the speed control system and eliminate the potential for the switch to overheat. The speed control system will then be inoperative until the permanent repair is performed. We recognize this may be an inconvenience, but we believe this preventive action is in the best interest of our customers' safety.

When parts become available for the permanent repair in April or May 2005, you will be notified via postcard to contact your dealer to schedule an appointment to have the new switch installed and to reconnect the speed control system on your vehicle.

Ford Motor Company and your dealer will perform the above repairs free of charge (parts and labor).

### 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 to have the switch disconnected (Recall 05S28). 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 <a href="http://www.genuineflmservice.com">http://www.genuineflmservice.com</a> 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 or Lincoln Customer Relationship Center and one of our representatives will be happy to assist you.

**Ford Owners:** Call 1-866-436-7332. For the hearing impaired call 1-800-232-5952 (TDD).

**Lincoln Owners:** Call 1-800-521-4140. 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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