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Safety Recall 05S40

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 2006 Model Year Ford Mercury and Lincoln cars and trucks.

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, the windshield wiper motor may have been produced without grease being applied to the output shaft gear. After a period of continuous use on the high speed setting, lack of grease on the output shaft gear may cause the gear to distort and/or fracture during operation resulting in a loss of wiper function. Inoperative wipers under inclement weather conditions could cause a crash due to impaired visibility.

# What will Ford and your dealer do?

Ford Motor Company and your dealer will inspect your wiper motor for the presence of grease, free of charge (parts and labor). If grease is not present, your dealer will grease the wiper motor gears. We urge you to return to your dealer for this service.

#### 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. In some cases, your vehicle will require inspection prior to determining if parts need to be ordered.

# What are we asking you to do?

Please call your dealer without delay and request a service date for Recall 05S40. 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.

<u>Fleet Owners</u>: To locate a dealer, call 1-800-34FLEET. Representatives are available 9:30AM to 5:00PM Monday through Friday (Eastern Time Zone).

<u>All Other Owners</u>: If you do not already have a servicing dealer, you can access <a href="http://www.genuineservice.com">http://www.genuineservice.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.

### What if you no longer own this vehicle?

If you no longer own this vehicle, and have an address for the current owner, please forward this letter to the new owner.

You received this notice because government regulations require that notification be sent to the last known owner of record. Our records are based primarily on state registration and title data, which indicate that you are the current owner. As soon as we receive updated state registration data, we will revise our records.

### 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.

<u>Fleet Owners</u>: If you still have concerns, please contact the Fleet Customer Information Center at 1-800-34-FLEET and one of our representatives will be happy to assist you. Representatives are available 9:30AM to 5:00PM Monday through Friday (Eastern Time Zone). Or you may contact us through the internet at <a href="www.fleet.ford.com">www.fleet.ford.com</a>.

<u>All Other Owners</u>: If you still have concerns, please contact the Ford or Lincoln Customer Relationship Center and one of our representatives will be happy to assist you.

Call 1-800-392-3673. 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 are Monday through Friday 8AM – 5PM (Your Local Time)

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 Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153) or go to <a href="http://www.safercar.gov">http://www.safercar.gov</a>.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Frank M. Ligon

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