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**INFORMATION ONLY**

**TO:** All U.S. Ford and Lincoln Mercury Dealers

**SUBJECT:** Awareness Communication:  
Upcoming Recalls Affecting Certain 2005 Model Year Ford Five Hundred, Mercury Montego,  
and Certain 2005-2006 Ford Freestyle Vehicles  
1. Safety Recall 06S45 Addressing Door Latch Freezing in 31 Cold/Wet Weather States  
2. Regional Recall 06R13 Addressing Door Latch Freezing in the Remaining 19 States

**REASON FOR THIS COMMUNICATION**

To provide you advance information that Ford Motor Company is notifying the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of an upcoming Safety Recall 06S45 on affected vehicles currently registered in 31 cold weather states. Concurrently, we will launch Regional Recall 06R13 on vehicles currently registered in the remaining 19 states. (See below for a listing of states affected by each program.) Once NHTSA has been informed, there is a possibility that you may be contacted by customers about the recall. This notice will help you answer customer questions.

**REASON FOR SAFETY RECALL 06S45**

The door latches on certain 2005 model year Ford Five Hundred and Mercury Montego, and certain 2005-2006 Freestyle vehicles may not latch when operated in areas with temperatures significantly below freezing in combination with a wet environment. If not latched properly, a door may open while driving.

**REASON FOR REGIONAL RECALL 06R13**

Concurrently, we will launch Regional Recall 06R13 to provide coverage to owners of vehicles currently registered in the remaining 19 states. This program will inform them that if their vehicle is subject to winter weather conditions similar to Safety Recall 06S45, or in the event they relocate or travel to one of the affected states in cold, wet winter weather, they may return to their dealer to have the same remedy performed at no-charge.

**AFFECTED VEHICLES**

- Certain 2005 model year Ford Five Hundred and Mercury Montego vehicles built at the Chicago Assembly Plant from Job #1 through June 20, 2005.
- Certain 2005-2006 model year Ford Freestyle vehicles built at the Chicago Assembly Plant from Job #1 through December 14, 2005.

**SERVICE ACTION**

It is anticipated that the complete dealer bulletin providing repair instructions and other details will be provided to dealers late October, 2006, once parts to repair this condition are available.

**OASIS AND FSA VIN LISTS**

OASIS and FSA VIN lists will be activated once the full dealer bulletin has been issued in late October.

**CUSTOMER NOTIFICATION**

Owners of affected vehicles will be notified after dealers have received service repair and parts ordering information. It is anticipated that customer notification will begin early November, 2006.

The vehicles affected by Safety Recall 06S45 are currently registered in the following states (and all Canadian Provinces):

Alaska	Colorado	Connecticut	Delaware	Idaho	Illinois
Indiana	Iowa	Kansas	Kentucky	Maine	Maryland
Massachusetts	Michigan	Minnesota	Missouri	Montana	Nebraska
New Hampshire	New Jersey	New York	North Dakota	Ohio	Pennsylvania
Rhode Island	South Dakota	Utah	Vermont	West Virginia	Wisconsin
Wyoming					

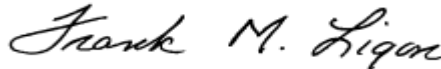
The vehicles affected by Regional Recall 06R13 are currently registered in the following states:

Alabama	Arizona	Arkansas	California	Florida
Georgia	Louisiana	Mississippi	Nevada	New Mexico
North Carolina	Oklahoma	Oregon	South Carolina	Tennessee
Texas	Virginia	Washington	Hawaii	

**QUESTIONS?**

Special Service Support Center (Dealer Only) Questions:..... 1-800-325-5621

Sincerely,



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