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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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JAMES P. VONDALE DIRECTOR, AUTOMOTIVE SAFETY OFFICE FORD MOTOR COMPANY 330 TOWN CENTER DRIVE SUITE 400 DEARBORN MI 48126-2738 400 Seventh Street, SW Washington, DC 20590

NVS-215paw 07V-078

Subject: SPEED CONTROL DEACTIVATION SWITCH/SUPPLEMENT

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 information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

FORD/E550/2002-2003 FORD/EXCURSION/2003 FORD/F-150/2003 FORD/F250 SUPER DUTY/2003 FORD/F350 SUPER DUTY/2003 FORD/F450 SUPER DUTY/2003 FORD/F550 SUPER DUTY/2003 LINCOLN/BLACKWOOD/2003

NHTSA Campaign Number: 07V-078

Mfg's Report Date: March 1, 2007

Components:

VEHICLE SPEED CONTROL

Potential Number of Units Affected: 155,584

Summary:

ON CERTAIN TRUCKS EQUIPPED WITH SPEED CONTROL, GASOLINE OR NATURAL GAS ENGINES, THE SPEED CONTROL DEACTIVATION SWITCH MAY OVERHEAT.

Consequence:

OVERHEATING COULD RESULT IN SMOKE OR BURN AND AN UNDERHOOD FIRE.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSTALL A FUSED WIRING HARNESS INTO THE SPEED CONTROL SYSTEM FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON MARCH 12, 2007. OWNERS MAY CONTACT FORD AT 1-866-436-7332. (NOTE: ALSO SEE RECALLS 05V017, 05V388, AND 06V286)

Notes:

FORD RECALL NO. 05S28. CUSTOMERS MAY 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.

This recall was the subject of an Engineering Analysis, EA05-005, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to dealers and distributors as soon as it becomes available.

Please provide us with the beginning and ending dates for the E550 and Blackwood vehicles and the beginning dates for the Excursion model.

Also, 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 required 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 or about March 12, 2007. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before April 30, 2007.

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 <u>patricia.wallace@dot.gov</u> or <u>delia.lopez@dot.gov</u>. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

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George H. Person Chief, Recall Management Division Office of Defects Investigation Enforcement