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DEFECT AND NONCOMPLIANCE REPORT - DOMESTIC

Description:	"PRNDL" Cable may break at the attachment to the transmission control selector arm assembly mounted on the steering column
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Internal Code:	N/A	Date of Report:	2/27/2012
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Submitted to: Associate Administrator for Enforcement
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Preparer's Signature:

I. IDENTIFY THE US BOUND VEHICLE MODELS INVOLVED IN THE RECALL

Make:		Ford Strip Chassis		
Model(s):		F-59		
Model Years Involved:		2011 and 2012		
Vehicle Type:		Work Truck		
Weight Range:	From GVWR:	16000 lbs	To GVWR:	22000 lbs
Weight Class:	From Class:	5	To Class:	7
Beginning VDM:	3/11/2009		Ending VDM:	12/3/2012
% Potentially Involved:		100%		

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall:

The recalled vehicles are equipped with a F-59 stripped chassis produced Ford Motor Company.

II. IDENTIFY THE RECALL POPULATION

Furnish the total number of vehicles recalled potentially containing the defect or non-compliance

MODEL	MODEL YEAR	No. POTENTIALLY INVOLVED
Work Truck	2011	280
Work Truck	2012	399
TOTAL:		679

Furnish the approximate percentage of the total number of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect or noncompliance.

Approximate Defect Percentage: 100.0%

Identify and describe how the recall population was determined--in particular how the recalled models were selected and the basis for the beginning and final dates of manufacture of the recalled vehicles:

The recall population was determined by referencing the affected chassis model used by Utilimaster in the time frames supplied by Ford.

III. DESCRIBE THE DEFECT OR NONCOMPLIANCE

Describe the defect or noncompliance. The description should address the nature and physical location of the defect or noncompliance. Illustrations should be provided as appropriate.

The "PRNDL" cable may break at the attachment to the transmission control selector arm assembly mounted on the steering column. If the indicator cable breaks, the transmission gear indication in the "PRNDL" display in the instrument cluster remains in the "1" position (first gear) regardless of gear selected.

Describe the cause(s) of the defect or noncompliance condition.

Utilimaster has not been made aware of the cause.

Describe the consequence(s) of the defect or noncompliance condition.

An incorrect gear indication in the instrument panel may prevent the driver from knowing if they are in park or reverse, increasing the risk of a crash.

Identify any warning which can (a) precede or (b) occur.

This may occur without warning

If the defect or noncompliance is in a component or assembly purchased from a supplier, identify the supplier by corporate name and address:

Generic Component Name:	N/A
Supplier Part Number:	N/A
Utilimaster Part Number:	N/A
Supplier Corporate Name:	N/A
Address:	N/A
CEO or Knowledgeable Rep:	N/A

IV. PROVIDE THE CHRONOLOGY IN DETERMINING THE DEFECT/NONCOMPLIANCE

If defect, furnish a chronological summary with dates of all the principle events that were the basis for the determination of the defect. Include number of reports, accidents, injuries, fatalities, and warranty claims.

17FEB12 - Utilimaster receives notice from Ford.

23FEB12 - Utilimaster determines the population.

27FEB12 - Utilimaster notifies NHTSA for U.S. and Transport Canada for Canada.

If noncompliance, identify and provide the test results or other data in chronological order with dates on which the noncompliance was determined.

N/A

V. IDENTIFY THE REMEDY

Furnish a description of the manufacturer's remedy for the defect or noncompliance. Clearly describe the differences between the recall condition and the remedy.

Refer to Ford Motor Company recall 12V-035.

Clearly describe the distinguishing characteristics of the remedy component/assembly versus the recalled component/assembly.

Refer to Ford Motor Company recall 12V-035.

Identify and describe how and when the recall condition was corrected in production. If the production remedy was identical to the recall remedy in the field, so state. If the product was discontinued, so state.

On October 26, 2011 transmission shift lever stock at the Ford assembly plant was replaced with properly manufactured stock that did not have a sharp edge in the area where the "PRNDL" indicator cable attaches.

VI. IDENTIFY THE RECALL SCHEDULE

Furnish a schedule or agenda, with specific dates, for notification to other manufacturers, dealers/retailers, and purchasers. Please identify any foreseeable problems with implementing this recall.

Refer to Ford Motor Company recall 12V-035.

VII. FURNISH RECALL COMMUNICATIONS

Furnish a final copy of all notices, bulletins, and other communications that relate directly to the defect or noncompliance and which are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, or purchaser. This includes all communications concerning this recall from the time your company determines the defect or noncompliance condition on, not just the initial notification.

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DATE AND MANNER SUBMITTED
Notification letter to other manufacturers	N/A
Draft Notification letter to purchasers	2-Mar-12
Press release (if applicable)	N/A
Recall Service Bulletin (RSB)	Refer to 12V-035
Notification Envelope	Pre-approved

The manufacturer's campaign identification number if not identical to the number assigned by

N/A