

**INITIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF NONCOMPLIANCE INFORMATION REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

Assigned Recall No. **99V-050** by the  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: **March 10, 1999**

Manufacturer: **Ford Motor Company**

Manufacturer Contact: **Mr. L. W. Camp, Director, Automotive Safety Office**

FAX: **(313) 594-2268**

**SUBJECT: 1,700 Ford 1997-1998 Louisville and Aeromax trucks equipped with the Dealer Special Order optional Wabco air dryer manufactured from April 29, 1996 through December 21, 1997. The air brake system was plumbed so that the systems did not provide air reservoir isolation. This does not comply with the requirements of FMVSS No. 121, "Air Brake Systems." Ford Safety Recall No. 99S05.**

This is an **initial** acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be forthcoming shortly. After our review of your report and associated documents, we may have additional comments or concerns.

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle which fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

As stated in Part 573.6, 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 April 26, 1999. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due in this office by July 30, 1999.

If you have any questions, please call:

*Patricia* Patricia Wallace, Recall Analyst or Jonathan White, Chief  
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Dear Mr. Camp:

We have reviewed Ford Motor Company's (Ford) Noncompliance Information Report dated March 10, 1999, submitted in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports." This recall involves 1,700 Ford 1997-1998 Louisville and Aeromax trucks equipped with the Dealer Special Order optional Wabco air dryer manufactured from April 29, 1996 through December 21, 1997. The air brake system was plumbed so that the systems did not provide air reservoir isolation. This does not comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 121, "Air Brake Systems." The assigned recall identification number for this recall is 99V-050 (Ford Safety Recall No. 99S05).

**Ford is responsible for the remedy of these vehicles from this date forward, regardless of vehicle age, mileage, or ownership.**

#### **Recall Communications**

Communications pertaining to safety recalls and issued by Ford to more than one distributor, dealer, purchaser, or owner are to be submitted to this office within 5 days of issuance as described under 49 CFR Part 573.5(c)(9). Where this information is sent over a period time, the communications are to be submitted within 5 days from the date the communications were first sent, and furnish the date, or range of dates, each communication was issued. This includes information transmitted by computer, telefax, or other electronic means; and initial or interim communications. All copies are to be in readable form and a written transcript should be provided for each non-written communication. Also, if the communication was not nationally and uniformly distributed, then identify the criteria used for the distribution.

### Manufacturer Communications

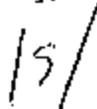
Part 573.8, "Notices, Bulletins and Other Communications," requires that every motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment manufacturer shall furnish a copy of **all notices, bulletins, and other communications (including warranty and policy extension communiques and product improvement bulletins)** to manufacturers, distributors, dealers, or purchasers, regarding any defect in its vehicle or items of equipment (including any failure or malfunction beyond normal deterioration in use, any failure of performance, or any flaw or unintended deviation from design specifications), **whether or not such defect is safety related**. These notices or communications are to be submitted, regardless of the media used to transmit the information. Where communications are made orally or electronically, provide a transcript. In all other cases, provide the information in the media form used to transmit the information. On a case by case basis, we may require written transcripts of this material as well. Copies are to be submitted monthly, not more than 5 working days after the end of each month.

### Quarterly Status Reports

As stated in Part 573.6, 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 during April 26, 1999. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due July 30, 1999.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Pat Wallace at (202) 366-5232 or fax at (202) 366-7882.

Sincerely,



Jonathan D. White, Chief  
Recall Analysis Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Safety Assurance