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INFORMATION REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

Assigned Recall No. 99V-094 by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: April 27, 1999

Manufacturer: Ford Motor Company

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

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SUBJECT: 11,000 Ford 1992 Aerostar all-wheel-drive (AWD) vehicles manufactured from August 2, 1991 through December 31, 1991. (This includes all 1992 AWD Aerostars not previously included in safety recall 97V-204/97S83). These vehicles can develop powertrain bending resonance or transfer case output shaft bushing displacement. The powertrain bending resonance or the output shaft bushing displacement can result in structural failure of the transmission and/or transfer case. Fluid expulsion, driveshaft separation, or loss of vehicle drive can result. Ford Safety Recall No. 99S13.

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.

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 June 1999. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due in this office by July 30, 1999.

If you have any questions, please call:



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Dear Mr. Camp:

After review of the file concerning this recall, it appears that an acknowledgment letter was never sent to you. Please accept our apologies for this oversight.

We have reviewed Ford Motor Company's (Ford) Defect Information Report dated April 27, 1999, submitted in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports." This recall involves 11,000 Ford 1992 Aerostar all-wheel-drive (AWD) vehicles manufactured from August 2, 1991 through December 31, 1991. (This includes all 1992 AWD Aerostars not previously included in safety recall 97V-204/97S83). These vehicles can develop powertrain bending resonance or transfer case output shaft bushing displacement. The powertrain bending resonance or the output shaft bushing displacement can result in structural failure of the transmission and/or transfer case. Fluid expulsion, driveshaft separation, or loss of vehicle drive can result. The assigned recall identification number for this recall is 99V-094 (Ford Safety Recall No. 99S13).

This recall was the subject of an Engineering Analysis, EA99-002, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

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

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
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