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

Assigned Recall No. 00V-284 by the  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: **September 21, 2000**

Manufacturer: **Ford Motor Company**

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

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**SUBJECT: 4,500 Ford 1998-2000 F150/250 Bi-Fuel CNG pickup trucks and E250/350 Bi-Fuel CNG Econoline vehicles, modified by CFI Control Systems, Inc., and manufactured from March 31, 1998 through September 20, 2000, fail to conform to the requirements of FMVSS No. 303, "Fuel System Integrity of Compressed Natural Gas Vehicles." The label affixed to the fuel filler door by the vehicle modifier contains the inspection date and expiration date of the CNG tank. However, it does not contain the statement "See instructions on the fuel container for inspection and service life." Ford Recall Campaign 00L07.**

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.

*In accordance with Part 577, amended July 7, 1995, a draft owner notification letter must be submitted for review prior to mailing.*

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 October 23, 2000. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due in this office by January 30, 2001.

If you have any questions, please call:

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