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SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

Assigned Recall No. 02V-101 by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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Part 573 Report Date: **April 3, 2002**

Manufacturer: **Ford Motor Company**

Manufacturer Contact: **Mr. James P. Vondale, Director, Automotive Safety Office**

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SUBJECT: 250,283 Ford 1995-1996 Windstar mini vans built at the Oakville Assembly Plant and sold or currently registered in the states of Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and the District of Columbia. During assembly, some brake lines were installed in a twisted position causing contact with the dash panel insulator above the catalytic converter. This contact could abrade the brake line corrosion protection, and also salt or water absorbed in the dash panel insulator would promote corrosion. This corrosion could ultimately lead to a leak in the brake line. Ford Recall No. 02S36.

This is an acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be written only if we have additional comments or concerns.

Please provide us with a draft owner notification letter for our review before mailing to consumers as well as an estimated owner notification mailing date.

If you have any questions, please call:

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