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L. W. Camp, Director
Automotive Safety Office
Environmental and Safety Engineering

00V-254 (01)

August 30, 2000

Mr. Kenneth Weinstein
Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Mr. Weinstein:

Pursuant to Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Defect and Noncompliance Reports, Ford Motor Company submits the following information concerning a safety-related recall action that it is initiating.

573.5 (c) (2)

Certain 2000 model year Ford F-Super Duty motor home chassis built at the TruMack Detroit Chassis Plant from November 9, 1999 through June 29, 2000.

Because these vehicles are not produced in VIN order, information as to the applicability of this action to specific vehicles can best be obtained by either calling Ford's toll-free line (1-800-392-3673) or contacting a local Ford or Lincoln/Mercury dealer, who can obtain specific information regarding the vehicles from the Ford OASIS computer system.

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Approximately 12,850 vehicles

573.5 (c) (4)

Unknown.

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573.5 (c) (5)

The subject vehicles may have a misrouted wire harness that attaches to the brake pedal position switch. In some cases the wire may rub on the steering column, which could result in a short circuit and a blown fuse. If this occurs, there is the potential for a loss of stop lamp function with no warning to the vehicle operator. Loss of stop lamp function could increase the risk of a vehicle crash.

573.5 (c) (6)

Ford first became aware of this condition during a review conducted at the assembly plant on June 26, 2000. Subsequent investigation revealed misrouted wire harnesses, but did not locate any interference of the wire harness with the steering column. Then, in early August, two field reports were received that reported a loss of stop lamp function. Subsequent analysis has confirmed the potential for a loss of stop lamp function from the misrouting of the wire harness. Ford is not aware of any reports of accidents, injuries or fires attributed to this condition.

573.5 (c) (8)

Ford will notify owners of record of the affected vehicles to return them to Ford dealers for inspection, and if necessary, repair of the wire harness to the brake pedal position switch. It is currently anticipated that owner notification will occur on or before the week of September 25, 2000.

573.5 (c) (9)

Ford does not plan to make a public statement concerning this action. Notification letters to dealers and owners from Ford Customer Service Division will be forwarded when available.

573.5 (c) (11)

Ford has assigned campaign number 00S24 to this action.

Sincerely,

W. J. Bohan for
L. W. Camp

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Safety Defect and Noncompliance Report Guide for Vehicles
PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report[3]

On September, 2000, Ford motor comp. [MFR] decided that (a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety)(a noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. _____) exits in the motor vehicles listed below, and is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reports.

Date this report was prepared: 9-21-00

Furnish the manufacturer's identification code for this recall (if applicable): 00524

1. Identify the full corporate name of the fabricating manufacturer of the vehicle being recalled. If the recalled vehicle is imported, provide the name and mailing address of the designated agent as prescribed by 49 U.S.C. §30164.

Newmar Corp.

Identify the corporate official, by name and title, whom the agency should contact with respect to this recall.

Duane Casteel Warranty Manager

Telephone Number: 219-773-7791 Fax No.: 219-773-2007

Name and Title of Person who prepared this report.

Duane Casteel
Warranty Manager

Signed: Duane Casteel

9-21-00

[3]Each manufacturer must furnish a report, to the Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance, for each defect or noncompliance condition which relates to motor vehicle safety.

This guide was developed from 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports" and also outlines information currently requested. Any questions, please consult the complete Part 573 or contact Mr. Jon White at (202) 366-5227 or by FAX at (202) 366-7882.

I. Identify the Vehicle Models Involved in the Recall

2. Identify the Vehicles Involved in the Recall, ***for each make and model or applicable vehicle line (provide illustrations or photographs as necessary to describe the vehicle), provide:***

Make(s): Newmar **Model Years Involved:** 2000-2001 **Model(s):** Ford class "A"

Production Dates: Beginning: 4-11-00 **Ending:** 5-24-00

VIN Range: Beginning: 1FCAF53S5YOA0 **Ending:** 1FCAF53S2YOA11074

Vehicle Type: Class A **Bodystyle:** Motorhome

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall:
F-53 chassis Ford class "A" motorhome

Make(s): _____ **Model Years Involved:** _____ **Model(s):** _____

Production Dates: Beginning: _____ **Ending:** _____

VIN Range: Beginning: _____ **Ending:** _____

Vehicle Type: _____ **Bodystyle:** _____

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

Make(s): _____ **Model Years Involved:** _____ **Model(s):** _____

Production Dates: Beginning: _____ **Ending:** _____

VIN Range: Beginning: _____ **Ending:** _____

Vehicle Type: _____ **Bodystyle:** _____

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

Identify the approximate percentage of the production of all the recalled models manufactured by your company between the inclusive dates of manufacture provided above, that the recalled model population represents. For example, if the recall involved Widgets equipped with certain items of equipment from January 1, 1996 through April 1, 1997, then what was the percentage of the recalled Widgets of all Widgets manufactured during that time period. _____

II. Identify the Recall Population

3. Furnish the total number of vehicles recalled potentially containing the defect or noncompliance.

Model	Year	Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved
Contact Ford.		

Total Number Potentially Affected by the Recall: _____

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

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:

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III. Describe the Defect or Noncompliance

5. 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.

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

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

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

Ford

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

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Identify the name and title of the chief executive officer or knowledgeable representative of the supplier:

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IV. Provide the Chronology in Determining the Defect/Noncompliance

If the recall is for a defect, complete item 6, otherwise item 7.

6. With respect to a defect, furnish a chronological summary (including dates) of all the principle events that were the basis for the determination of the defect. The summary should include, but not be limited to, the number of reports, accidents, injuries, fatalities, and warranty claims.

7. With respect to a noncompliance, identify and provide the test results or other data (in chronological order and including dates) on which the noncompliance was determined.

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V. Identify the Remedy

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

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

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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.

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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 the recall.

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VII. Furnish Recall Communications

9. 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 (including both original and follow-up) concerning this recall from the time your company determines the defect or noncompliance condition on, not just the initial notification. ***A DRAFT copy of the notification documents should be submitted to this office by Fax (202-366-7882) for review prior to mailing.***

Note that these documents are to be submitted separately from those provided in accordance with Part 573.8 requirements.