

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

Assigned Recall No. 00V-356.010 by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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Part 573 Report Date: **October 26, 2000**

MANUFACTURER: **Springfield Coach Builders, Inc.**

MANUFACTURER CONTACT: **John Bumgarner, President, Springfield Coach Builders, Inc.**

FAX: **(417)866-6142**

SUBJECT: **172 Springfield Coach Lincoln Town Car Limousine model vehicles manufactured from August 17, 1999 through October 26, 2000. It has been determined that Limousines stretched over 60 inches fail to comply with the requirements of FMVSS No. 109, "New Pneumatic Tires," and 110, "Tire Selection and Rims."**

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.

It is our understanding that Ford is conducting this recall and will be notifying owners.

If you have any questions, please call:

Annette Coston, Recall Analyst on (202) 493-0212
or Jonathan White, Chief on (202) 366-5226
or by FAX (202) 366-7882
Recall Analysis Division



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Mr. John Bumgarner
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Dear Mr. Bumgarner:

We have reviewed Springfield Coach Builders, Inc.'s (SCB) Noncompliance Information Report dated October 26, 2000, submitted in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports." This recall involves 172 SCB 2000-2001 model Lincoln Town Car Limousines manufactured from August 17, 1999 through October 26, 2000. The vehicles were converted into limousines and stretched in excess of 60-inches. The converted weight on the front tires may exceed the "Normal Load Condition" as stated in Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No.110. The assigned Identification Number for this recall is *00V-356.010 (Ford Campaign No. 00S51)*.

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, Ford will be conducting this recall.

Recall Communications

Communications pertaining to safety recalls and issued by SCB 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.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Annette Coston at (202) 493-0212 or fax at (202)366-7882.

Sincerely,

BJ

Jonathan D. White, Chief
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