

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

Assigned Recall No. 00V-396 by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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Part 573 Report Date: November 16, 2000

Manufacturer: Ford Motor Company

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

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SUBJECT: 495,000 Ford 2000-2001 Expedition and Navigator vehicles manufactured from March 30, 1999 through September 21, 2000; 2001 F150 SC pickup trucks manufactured from April 18 through September 22, 2000; and 2001 Taurus/Sable vehicles manufactured from May 2, through November 11, 2000, fail to comply with the requirements of FMVSS 225, "Child Restraint Anchorage Systems." The affected Expedition/Navigator Owner Guides do not identify the locations of seating positions equipped with tether anchorages, and do not provide instructions for securing child seats to these tether anchorages. The F150 SC Owner Guides do not provide the procedure for securing child seats to the tether anchorages. The Taurus/Sable Owner Guides do not identify the center rear seating position as having latch compatible lower anchorages. Ford Safety Recall No. 00L11.

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 January 2, 2001. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due in this office by April 30, 2001.

If you have any questions, please call:

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