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

Assigned Recall No. **04V-444** by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: **September 9, 2004** Date Faxed/E-Mailed: **September 17, 2004**

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SUBJECT: **214,849 Ford 2003-2004 E-Series (E-150 through E-550) vans, a ECU diode may have micro cracks or the propensity to crack. If a crack is present, a short between the electrical ground and power circuit in the module may occur. The short may cause an ABS malfunction that may illuminate the ABS warning light, or the short may overheat the module resulting in a burning odor smoke, and fire. This condition may occur while the vehicle is being driven or unattended. Ford Recall No. 04S22.**

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 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, the recall is expected to begin October 8, 2004. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by January 30, 2005.

If you have any questions, please call:

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