

Ford Motor Company

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Administrator
Office of Defects Investigation
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Mr. Administrator:

Attention: VIN Coordinator

Subject: 2006 Model Year Vehicle Identification Number Code
Deviations for Ford Escape Hybrid Vehicles (HEV)

Reference: Ford Motor Company's August 2, 2005 letter regarding
2006 Model Year Vehicle Identification Number Codes

Pursuant to the requirements set forth in Part 565 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) Requirements, Ford Motor Company is submitting deviations to the 2006 model year VIN code information for Ford Escape Hybrid vehicles.

Mazda purchased 50 Escape Hybrid vehicles from Ford Motor Company and has modified these vehicles and badged them as Mazda Tribute Hybrid vehicles. Mazda plans to use these HEVs for fleet evaluation by Mazda employees and certain non-profit and public service groups in Southern California beginning in the 4th Quarter 2005. Delivery of these vehicles is currently taking place. Although the vehicles are badged as Mazda Tribute HEVs, the VIN numbers will still identify these vehicles as Ford Escape HEVs. A list of the affected VINs is attached.

If there are any questions regarding this VIN information, please contact me.

Sincerely,



James P. Vondale

Attachment

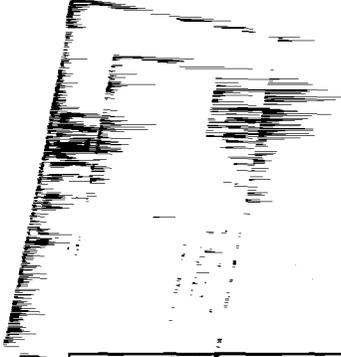


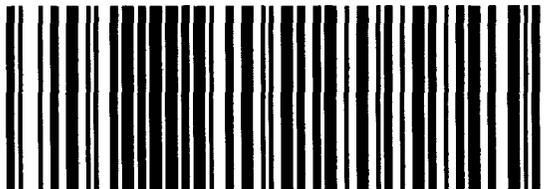
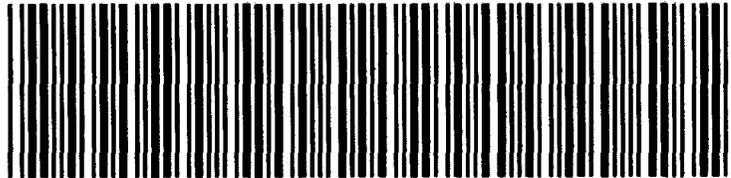
Ford Escape Hybrid Vehicles Sold to Mazda

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