

2003 Ford Mustang V8-4.6L SOHC VIN X

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A/T - INADVERTENT SHIFT INTERLOCK DISABLING

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LAMP - BRAKE - INADVERTENT DISABLING OF
BRAKE SHIFT INTERLOCK

FORD:

1992-1993 FESTIVA

1992-1994 TEMPO

1992-1997 THUNDERBIRD

1992-2003 CROWN VICTORIA, ESCORT, MUSTANG, TAURUS

1993-1997 PROBE

1994-1997 ASPIRE

1995-2000 CONTOUR

2002-2003 THUNDERBIRD

1992-1997 AEROSTAR

1992-2003 E SERIES

1993-1997 F SUPER DUTY

1994-1996 BRONCO

1994-1997 F-250, F-350

1994-2003 F-150

1995-2003 EXPLORER, RANGER, WINDSTAR

1997-2003 EXPEDITION

1998-1999 F-250 LD

1999-2003 SUPER DUTY F SERIES

2000-2003 EXCURSION, EXPLORER SPORT

2001-2003 ESCAPE, EXPLORER SPORT TRAC

LINCOLN:

1992-2003 CONTINENTAL, TOWN CAR

1993-1998 MARK VIII

2000-2003 LS

1998-2003 NAVIGATOR

MERCURY:

1992-1994 TOPAZ

1992-1997 COUGAR

1992-1999 TRACER

1992-2003 SABLE

1993-2003 GRAND MARQUIS

1994 CAPRI

1995-2000 MYSTIQUE
1999-2003 COUGAR
1993-2002 VILLAGER
1997-2003 MOUNTAINEER

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ISSUE

Corporate, municipal, or police fleets may have had their Ford Motor Company vehicle modified to flash the brake lamps whenever the "police lights" or other aftermarket lights are turned on. These added "police lights" have the potential to disable the brake shift interlock system. The brake shift interlock feature prevents the vehicle from being shifted from park unless the brake pedal is depressed. Disabling of the brake shift interlock feature may enable the operator to inadvertently apply the accelerator instead of the brake pedal when shifting from Park to Drive or Reverse gears.

ACTION

As appropriate, dealers should advise owners (including corporate, municipal, and police agencies) that any vehicle that has been modified with a connection to the brake circuit, or that electrically interfaces with the brake lamps in that manner, should be disconnected IMMEDIATELY and the emergency lighting system should be modified in a manner that does not interfere with normal service operation or the brake shift interlock. In addition, if the high-mount stoplamp flashes when the "police lights" are on, the modification does not conform with the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) 108 which requires that the high-mount stoplamp only illuminate when applying the brakes.

Installation of warning lights should only be performed with a completely separate electrical system, without connection to any existing vehicle wiring. Connection of aftermarket electrical equipment into the brake lamp circuit or any other circuit which is connected to the Powertrain Control Module (PCM), anti-lock brake computer, air bag system, or any other vehicle system, will cause vehicle malfunction.

OTHER APPLICABLE ARTICLES: NONE

SUPERSEDES: 01-18-1

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