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STRUCTURAL REPAIRS FOR FORD VEHICLES

DEARBORN, Mich., March 1, 2006 – Ford Motor Company recommends that repairs to structural components – including frames, rails, aprons and body panels – only be completed using Ford-recommended repair procedures and factory-supplied parts.

Repair procedures are available in vehicle-specific Service Manuals, Body Repair Manuals, Technical Service Bulletins and Instruction Sheets (which accompany factory-supplied replacement parts). Repairers should contact their Ford-Lincoln-Mercury wholesale parts dealer for information on how to obtain these reference materials.

Where no factory-supplied repair information is available, repairs should be made at existing joints or seams with factory-supplied replacement parts using repair procedures that duplicate factory assembly processes/techniques.

The structural component repair procedures and repair-specific parts recommended by Ford have been validated through testing by Ford engineers to return repaired vehicles to pre-accident condition.

Alternative structural component repair procedures and/or parts recommended by others are not endorsed by Ford, and Ford cannot be certain these alternative structural component repair procedures and/or parts will return vehicles to pre-accident condition. Should alternative structural component repair procedures and/or parts be used, repairers should be aware of the potential liability they incur.

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