

POSSIBLE SAFETY ISSUES WITH 2005 TO 2008 FORD CROWN VICTORIA INTECEPTOR CARS

Safety regulators filed documents recently with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration opening a preliminary examination of as many as 195,000 Ford Motor Company model year 2005 to 2006 Crown Victoria model with the police interceptor packages. The agency opened the investigation after it received three complaints of the upper intermediate shaft separating from the steering column in the Crown Victoria police interceptor vehicles. It also got 10 complaints that the shaft was starting to shift away from the steering column. Both situations could lead to loss of steering control. Many cars with police packages find their way to EMS and fire agencies as new or second hand vehicles for use by chiefs and/or first responders. Used vehicles, especially, need to be researched for compliance with recalls and prior accident damage.