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### **Ford Explorer, Expedition and Navigator Rear Wiper**

As previously reported, Ford Motor Company has recognized that the rear wiper on the Explorer, Expedition and Navigator can flip around during a car wash and can cause paint damage to the rear deck surface. Corrective action has been initiated by Ford, which will prevent the blade from rotating and should alleviate the problem.

The incorporation date of the change for the Explorer was January 1999 and for the Expedition and Navigator was March 1999.

As an interim fix on models built before the change, Ford continues to recommend securing the wiper blade to the wiper arm during a car wash with a rubber band. The source to obtain the rubber bands has changed to:

BIGWIG Doug Murphy 1.888.244.9441

Cost breakdown on the rubber bands is as follows:

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| 5 lbs (minimum order - 1325 rubber bands) | \$7.95/lb - \$39.75  |
| 10 lbs (2650 rubber bands)                | \$6.95/lb - \$69.50  |
| 25 lbs (6625 rubber bands)                | \$4.95/lb - \$123.75 |

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