

**ILLINOIS CLAIM FORM  
EXPLORER CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT**

This Claim Form is to be used to request a discount certificate in the class action settlement in *Ford Explorer Cases*, J.C.C.P. Nos. 4266 & 4270, in the Superior Court for the State of California, Sacramento County. Each certificate is worth \$500 toward the purchase or lease of a new Ford Explorer or \$300 toward the purchase or lease of any other new Ford, Lincoln, or Mercury vehicle. The certificate is valid for 12 months from the date it is issued. The certificate can be used in conjunction with other Ford offers and incentives, but only one certificate can be used at a time. You should read the Notice and Claim Form completely and carefully. If you have any questions, please call 1-866-833-7918 or visit [www.ExplorerClaims.com](http://www.ExplorerClaims.com).

You may be eligible for a certificate if you lived in Illinois on September 27, 2004 and you purchased, owned, or leased, at any time between 1990 and September 27, 2004, Ford Explorers, model years 1991 through 2001, that are or were equipped with Firestone ATX, ATX II, or Wilderness tires. The Class does not include public entities, including cities, counties, and other governmental bodies; anyone who has settled with and released Ford from individual claims substantially similar to those alleged in the related cases; Ford, its subsidiaries and affiliates, officers and directors; and any judge assigned to this case or any of the related cases and their immediate family. Individuals who previously submitted exclusion requests in California and Illinois are not included in the Class.

If you have questions about your eligibility, you should review the class definition in Questions 5-10 of the Notice to determine whether you are a Class member. The Notice is available at [www.ExplorerClaims.com](http://www.ExplorerClaims.com).

Please print (or type) clearly in blue or black ink. If you meet the settlement's eligibility requirements and wish to make a claim for a discount certificate, you must complete this Claim Form and attach copies of the required supporting documentation as explained below. This Claim Form and any required documentation must be postmarked no later than **April 29, 2008**.

**1. CLASS MEMBER INFORMATION.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Number and Street*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*City*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*State*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Zip Code*

Telephone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_; Email Address: (*optional*) \_\_\_\_\_

**2. CLASS VEHICLE INFORMATION.**

Model year of the 1991-2001 Explorer (e.g. 1998 Ford Explorer): \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) of the model year 1991-2001 Explorer: \_\_\_\_\_

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The VIN can be found on the vehicle in two locations: (a) on the top of the dashboard, near the steering column, and (b) on the driver's door jamb. It also will be listed in your certificate of title or other motor vehicle registration document. If you no longer own or lease your Class Vehicle and do not have a record containing the VIN (such as a copy of the vehicle's registration or title, or a copy of an insurance policy that refers to the VIN), you may be able to obtain the VIN from your state's department of motor vehicles, your insurance broker, or the person to whom you sold or gave the vehicle.

Date you acquired your 1991-2001 model year Explorer: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year

### 3. RESIDENCY INFORMATION.

Did you own or lease this Explorer anytime between January 1, 1990 and September 27, 2004?

Yes  No

Did you live in Illinois on September 27, 2004?  Yes  No

If so, please provide your home address on that date:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Number and Street

\_\_\_\_\_  
City

\_\_\_\_\_  
State

\_\_\_\_\_  
Zip Code

Did you ever own or lease this Explorer with someone else?  Yes  No

If so, please provide the name and current address of each person who owned or leased the Explorer with you.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If you do not currently own or lease this Explorer, please state the date on which you sold or otherwise disposed of it: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year

### 4. REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION FOR ILLINOIS RESIDENTS.

You must provide the following supporting documentation that shows that you are eligible to receive a certificate:

Proof of Ownership or Lease Between January 1, 1990, and September 27, 2004. You must provide to the Settlement Administrator documentary evidence that you owned or leased your 1991-2001 model year Explorer with Firestone ATX, ATX II, or Wilderness tires at some time between January 1, 1990, and September 27, 2004. Such documentary evidence of ownership may include (a) a copy of a vehicle registration or vehicle leasing statement dated within that period; (b) a certified statement from the Illinois Department of Motor Vehicles certifying that you owned or were leasing a 1991-2001 model

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year Explorer at some time within that period; (c) a vehicle bill of sale to you dated within that period; or (d) a vehicle title transfer to you dated within that period.

Proof of Illinois Residency on September 27, 2004. You must provide to the Settlement Administrator documentary evidence that you were a resident of Illinois on September 27, 2004. Such documentary evidence of residency may include copies of (a) driver's licenses; (b) property tax notices; (c) homeowner's or renter's insurance certificates; (d) vehicle registrations; or (e) bank statements, spanning the date September 27, 2004.

## 5. TRANSFER CERTIFICATE.

You may elect to have your certificate issued to someone else ("transferee") who lives in your state, subject to the following limitations. You cannot receive any payment or other compensation from any person for requesting that a certificate be issued to anyone other than yourself. **You must also provide documentary proof that the transferee is a resident of your state. Such documentary evidence of residency may include copies of (a) driver's licenses; (b) property tax notices; (c) homeowner's or renter's insurance certificates; (d) vehicle registrations; or (e) bank statements.**

After a certificate has been issued, it may be transferred once to someone else who is within your immediate family (*i.e.*, your spouse, sibling, child, or domestic partner). A reissued certificate is valid only for the unexpired portion of the 12-month period left over from the original certificate at the time of the transfer. In Illinois, domestic partnership is a legal civil union of two persons of the same sex, other than marriage. **If you want a certificate reissued to another person you must mail the original certificate to the Settlement Administrator, by first-class United States Mail, along with a written request for transfer, together with documentary proof that the transferee is a member of your immediate family and a statement, under penalty of perjury, that the transferee is a member of your immediate family. In the letter please specify the nature of the relationship (*i.e.*, spouse, sibling, child, or domestic partner).**

If you want the certificate to be issued to someone else who lives in your state, please provide the name and address of the person to whom you want the certificate issued:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Number and Street*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*City*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*State*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Zip Code*

Telephone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_; Email Address: (*optional*) \_\_\_\_\_

## 6. SIGN AND DATE YOUR CLAIM FORM.

I declare **under penalty of perjury** that (a) I have read the requirements to be included in the Class; (b) I meet all of the requirements so stated and am not excluded by any of the exclusions; (c) I have not requested to be excluded from the Class; (d) if I requested that the certificate be issued in the

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