



# Test Monitoring Center

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SEQUENCE VE INFORMATION LETTER 99-3

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*ASTM consensus has not been obtained on this information letter. An appropriate ASTM ballot will be issued in order to achieve such consensus.*

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TO: Sequence VE Mailing List

SUBJECT: Requirements for Use of Parts Not Originating From Kits

At the November 16, 1999 Sequence VE Surveillance Panel meeting, the panel approved a motion to allow the use of non-kit parts for Sequence VE tests. Parts may be obtained from Ford dealers, providing that the part numbers are the same as those provided in the kit. Laboratories that need to use non-kit parts must maintain a sample of the part(s) from a kit to be used as a "golden" part for comparison purposes. Laboratories using non-kit parts must delineate the parts and part numbers in the comment section of the test report. Laboratories needing to use non-kit parts must coordinate the change to non-kit parts with the TMC. Attached Section 7.1.1.1 has been added to Test Method D 5302 to address these requirements and is effective with tests starting on or after November 16, 1999.

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Attachment

(Revises Test Method D 5302-98a)

7.1.1.1 Tests started on or after November 16, 1999 may use substitute non-kit parts (other than those listed in 7.1.1) obtained from Ford Dealers, provided that the part numbers are the same as those in the kit. Where parts substitutions are made, maintain samples of the substituted part for possible comparison. Identify all substituted parts with the part numbers on the Supplemental Operational Data Form of the test report (Fig A7.5). Coordinate the use of substituted parts with the TMC.