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For 1999-2003 Windstar vehicles Safety Recall 11S16 has been issued for vehicles that are operated in high corrosion areas for an extended period, where a front subframe lower control arm (LCA) rear attaching flange or rear body mount could separate from the vehicle subframe. Separation of one LCA attachment or both rear body mounts may result in a loss of vehicle directional control, increasing the risk of a crash.

ACTION

Follow the Service Procedure steps to correct the condition.

SERVICE PROCEDURE

1. For 1999-2003 Windstar vehicles that are not covered under Safety Recall 11S16 but exhibit corrosion on the LCA rear attaching flanges or rear subframe body mounts, dealers can call the Special Service Support Center (SSSC) at 1-800-325-5621 to request recall service action.
2. If approved by the SSSC, follow Safety Recall 11S16. Dealers are to clean and inspect the LCA rear attaching flanges and rear body mounts on the subframe for cracks, perforations (holes) or significant material loss. Based on the results of the inspection, dealers will perform one of the following service actions:
 - a. Subframe can be repaired: Clean and install the brackets per Attachment III of Safety Recall 11S16 – Technical information and return the vehicle to the owner.
 - b. Subframe cannot be repaired: Send pictures to Special Service Support Center (SSSC) using digital imaging for vehicle subframe replacement consideration.

OTHER APPLICABLE ARTICLES: 11S16

WARRANTY STATUS:

Information Only – Not Warrantable

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