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FORD MOTOR CO Form 8-K September 01, 2004

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D. C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report: September 1, 2004

----(Date of earliest event reported)

FORD MOTOR COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-3950 38-0549190

(Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

One American Road, Dearborn, Michigan 48126
----(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code 313-322-3000

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[] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 8.01. Other Events.

Our news release dated September 1, 2004 concerning U.S. retail sales of Ford vehicles in August 2004 and planned North American production for the fourth quarter of 2004, filed as Exhibit 99 to this report, is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits.

EXHIBITS

Designation	Description	Method of Filing
Exhibit 99	News Release dated September 1, 2004	Filed with this Report

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized on the date indicated.

FORD MOTOR COMPANY
-----(Registrant)

Date: September 1, 2004

By: /s/Kathryn S. Lamping

Kathryn S. Lamping

Assistant Secretary

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Description
----News Release dated September 1, 2004 Designation _____

Exhibit 99