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August 25, 2005

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) August 24, 2005

FORD MOTOR COMPANY

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-3950

(Commission File Number)

38-0549190

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

One American Road, Dearborn, Michigan

48126

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

(313) 322-3000

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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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.

On August 24, 2005, Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's") took, among other actions, the following actions with regard to the credit ratings it assigns to Ford Motor Company ("Ford") and Ford Motor Credit Company ("Ford Credit"):

- Lowered the ratings for Ford's senior unsecured debt to Bal from Baa3;
- Lowered the ratings for Ford Credit's senior unsecured debt to Baa3 from Baa2, and lowered the short-term rating to Prime-3 from Prime-2; and
- Continued the negative rating outlook for Ford and Ford Credit.

Moody's press release dated August 24, 2005 is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

EXHIBITS

Designation -----	Description -----	Method of Furnishing -----
Exhibit 99	Moody's Press Release dated August 24, 2005	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 hereunto duly authorized.

FORD MOTOR COMPANY

(Registrant)

Date: August 25, 2005

By: /s/ Kathryn S. Lamping

Kathryn S. Lamping
Assistant Secretary

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Exhibit 99	Moody's Press Release dated August 24, 2005