FORD MOTOR CO Form 8-K January 03, 2003

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 January 3, 2003 _____ (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 _____

Item 5. Other Events. _____

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Our news release dated January 3, 2003 concerning U.S. retail sales of Ford vehicles in December 2002, filed as Exhibit 20 to this report, is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits. _____

EXHIBITS	

Designation	Description	Method of Filing
Exhibit 20	News Release dated January 3, 2003	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: January 3, 2003

By: /s/Kathryn S. Lamping _____

> Kathryn S. Lamping Assistant Secretary

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Designation _____

Description _____

Exhibit 20 News Release dated January 3, 2003