



Ford Motor Company announces scheduling information for the 2009 Ford Escape and Mercury Mariner hybrid models

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Ford's order bank is now open for the 2009 Ford Escape and Mercury Mariner, both gasoline and hybrid models. However, commercial fleet orders for the hybrid models will be placed on material hold, with the message "limited availability – fleet production begins 4th quarter 2008". According to Ford, this action is being taken to allow them to build the government and rental orders that could not be built as 2008 models, due to limited allocation.

Ford expects to begin scheduling fleet orders in mid-September, with production beginning in October, 2008.

PHH will keep you advised is any additional information becomes available.