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yesterday it will halt imports of the Merkur Scorpio , a \$ 28,000 luxury sedan built by Ford of Europe in time\_n:x pron:x \_ v:e-i-p n\_of:x-i \_ q:i-h-h named:x-c named:x-c \_ q:i-h-h n:x card:i-i-c \_ n:x \_ n:x \_ v:e-i-p \_ named:x-c \_ p:e-x-i \_ named:x-c \_ p:e-v-i \_ re sold under a separate franchise with its own sign in front of Lincoln-Mercury dealers v.e-i-p p:e-u-i q:i-h-h a\_from:e-p-i n:x p:e-u-i q:i-h-h a:e-p n\_of:x-i p:e-u-i p:e-u-i p:e-u-i named:x-c n:x - as opposed to new models such as Taurus or Escort

x:e-h-h v:e-i-p p:e-u-i a:e-p n\_of:x-i p:e-u-i p:e-u-i named:x-c \_ named:x-c (top) (ARGI) Merkur 's demise is a setback for Ford at a time when the company 's image as the U.S. auto maker with the golden touch is showing signs of strain named:x-c \_ n:x v\_id:e-p-i q:i-h-h n:x p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n:x p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n-n-f:x \_ n-of:x-i \_ n:x \_ n-of:x-i \_ n howing ARG2 compound [21767009] (ARGI) which 670 Merkur dealers managed to sell only 93 Scorpios
i-i \_ card:i-i-c named:x-c n:x v:e-i-h \_ v:e-i-p x:e-u card:i-i-c named:x-c pronounced mare-COOR ) comes after a September in weight present in pre-u-i q:i-h-h mofy:x-c p:e-u-i Total Merkur sales for the first nine months dropped 46 % from a year ago to just 6,320 cars are-p named:x-c n\_of:x-i p:e-u-i q:i-h-h ord:i-i-c card:i-i-c n:x v:e-i card:i-i-c n\_of:x p:e-i-u card:i-i-c n:x p:e-i-u p:e-u-i x:e-u card:i-i-c n:x Japanese assault on the luxury market is rapidly overshadowing ace-p n:xx p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n:x n:x \_ a:e-e v:e-i-p q:i-h-h named:x-c \_ n\_of:x-i p:e-u-i named:x-c \_ named:x-c \_ a:e-e v:e-i-i a\_of:e-p-i n\_of:x n\_of:x-i p:e-u-i named:x-c \_ named:x-c \_ a:e-e a:e-e v:e-i-i a\_of:e-p-i n\_of:x n\_of:x-i p:e-u-i named:x-c \_ nam Merkur , as an import on domestic car lots , suffered from the same sort of image confusion that is hobbling sales of imports at General Motors Corp. and Chrysler Corp named:x-c \_ p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n\_of:x-i p:e-u-i named:x-c nam (top) (ARG2) But the brand had trouble from the start ci-i-i q:i-h-h n\_of:x v:e-i-i n:x p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n.x The first Merkur , the XR4Ti , went on sale in early 1985 . q:i-h-h ord:i-i-c named:x-c \_ q:i-h-h named:x-c \_ v:e-i p:e-u-i n\_of:x-i p:e-u-i a:e-p yofc:x-c \_ The sporty coupe foundered in part because American buyers did n't go for the car 's unusual qi-h-h a:e-u n:x v:e-i p:e-u-i n:x x:e-h-h a:e-p n\_of:x-i \_ neg:e-h v\_for:e-i-i \_ q:i-h-h n:x \_ a\_about:e-p-i sell next to a redesigned XR4Ti in showrooms v:e-i-p p:e-u-i p:e-u-i q:i-h-h v:e-i-p named:x-c p:e-u-i n:x

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