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Ms. Nancy Lewis  
Associate Administrator for Enforcement  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W45-306  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Ms. Lewis:

Subject: Supplement - Ford Motor Company (Ford) Recall No. 12S41 – Certain 2013 model year Escape and Fusion vehicles equipped with 1.6L engines – engine overheating that may result in a fire

A supplement to Ford's Defect Information Report, as required by 49 CFR Part 573, for the subject Ford recall is attached.

Part 573.6 (c) (5) – Description of the Defect, and Part 573.6 (c) (8) – Service Program, have been updated from the letter dated November 30, 2012, with the latest information.

Sincerely,

Steven M. Kenner  
Attachment



49 CFR PART 573 – DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT SUPPLEMENT  
12S41 – CERTAIN 2013 ESCAPE and FUSION VEHICLES WITH 1.6L ENGINES –  
ENGINE OVERHEATING THAT MAY RESULT IN A FIRE

Pursuant to Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Defect and Non-Compliance Reports, Ford Motor Company submits the following supplemental information concerning a safety recall action that it has voluntarily initiated.

573.6 (c) (5) – Description of the Defect

Certain 2013 model year Escape and Fusion vehicles equipped with 1.6L engines may experience minor coolant system leaks resulting in a loss of coolant system pressure and may experience engine overheating. Extreme engine overheating may lead to fluid leaks that can come in contact with the hot exhaust system possibly resulting in a fire.

573.6 (c) (8) – Service Program

Owner notifications were mailed during the week of December 3, 2012, instructing owners to contact their Ford or Lincoln dealer to arrange for alternate transportation.

Owners will be notified by mail and instructed to contact their Ford or Lincoln dealer to have their vehicle Powertrain Control Module and Instrument Cluster reprogrammed with an updated calibration and overheat strategy, and have the engine inspected for leaks. There will be no charge to owners for this service.

Initial notification to dealers occurred on November 30, 2012. Follow-up owner notification letters will be mailed the week of December 17, 2012.

In accordance with Part 573.13(d)(1), Ford is excluding reimbursement for costs incurred by owners for repair of this concern because Ford's original warranty program would provide for a free repair for this concern for customers.

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