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Dear Mr. Smith:

Subject: Ford Motor Company (Ford) Recall No. 07C19 - Certain 2008 Model Year Focus, Expedition, and F-250/F-350 driver air bag

Summary

- Ford Action - Ford is conducting a voluntary compliance recall involving certain 2008 model year Focus, Expedition, and F-250/F-350 vehicles to replace the front-impact driver air bag.
- Number of Vehicles Involved - Approximately 45 vehicles in the United States and federalized territories.
- Description of Non-Compliance - Ford's front-impact air bag supplier may have shipped driver air bag modules that were not properly assembled. The supplier advised Ford that the modules may not deploy properly during a frontal crash. Although compliance with FMVSS 208 for vehicles with this condition has not been evaluated, Ford in an abundance of caution, will replace the air bag module.
- Service Program - Ford notified dealers to stop demonstrating or delivering the affected vehicles until the driver air bag module is replaced. Ford will notify owners and instruct them to take their vehicle to a Ford or Lincoln-Mercury dealer to replace the front-impact driver air bag module.

Attached is the detailed information required by the applicable portions of 49 CFR Part 573 – Defect and Non-Compliance Information Report.

Sincerely,

James P. Vondale

Attachments

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49 CFR Part 573 - NON-COMPLIANCE INFORMATION REPORT
07C19 - 2008 MODEL YEAR FORD FOCUS, EXPEDITION AND F-250/F-350 VEHICLES

Pursuant to Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Defect, and Noncompliance Reports, Ford Motor Company (Ford) submits the following information concerning a potential noncompliance to the requirements of Sections S5 and S15 of FMVSS 208 for certain 2008 model year Focus, Expedition, and F-250/F-350 vehicles:

573.6 (c) (2) - Potentially Affected Vehicles

Certain Focus vehicles built from September 12, 2007, through November 5, 2007, at the Wayne Assembly Plant, certain Expedition vehicles built from August 31, 2007, through October 22, 2007, at the Michigan Truck Assembly Plant and certain F-250 and F-350 vehicles built from October 1, 2007, through October 22, 2007, at the Kentucky Truck Assembly Plant are potentially affected.

Although Ford vehicles are not produced in VIN order, and we typically cannot provide VIN specific information, in this instance Ford is able to provide the specific VIN list - see Attachment II.

573.6 (c) (3) - Estimated Population of Vehicles Potentially Affected

45 vehicles in the United States and federalized territories.

573.6 (c) (4) - Estimated Percentage of Affected Vehicles with the Condition

Unknown.

573.6 (c) (5) - Description of Non-Compliance

Ford's front-impact air bag supplier may have shipped driver air bag modules that were not properly assembled. The supplier advised Ford that the modules may not deploy properly during a frontal crash. Although compliance with FMVSS 208 for vehicles with this condition has not been evaluated, Ford in an abundance of caution, will replace the air bag module.

As of November 8, 2007, there are no known reports attributed to this condition.

573.6 (c) (7) - Basis of Non-Compliance Determination

On October 26, 2007, Ford was notified by the front-impact air bag supplier that some front driver air bag modules may have been shipped with components missing in the inflator assembly. On October 29, 2007, a stop ship was issued for the Wayne and Michigan Truck assembly plants. An investigation was conducted of supplier production records. It was determined that certain airbag module assemblies had the potential for missing inflator components, based on production weight data analysis. Ford determined, based on the information gathered through this investigation, that vehicles may not meet the occupant crash performance requirements of sections S5 and S15 of FMVSS 208.

573.6 (c) (8) - Service Program

Ford notified dealers to stop demonstrating or delivering the affected vehicles until the driver air bag module is replaced. Ford will notify owners and instruct them to take their vehicle to a Ford or Lincoln-Mercury dealer to replace the front-impact drive air bag module.

There will be no charge to owners for this service. Mailing of owner notification letters will occur on November 20, 2007. Notification to dealers occurred on November 9, 2007.

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

573.6 (c) (10) - Press statement and Dealer/Owner Letters

Ford does not at this time plan to make a public statement concerning the subject matter of this action. A copy of the Notification letters to dealers and owners from Ford will be forwarded when available.

573.6 (c) (11) - Recall Number

Ford has assigned recall number 04C19 to this action.

Attachment II
VIN List
07C19

VIN	Vehicle
1FAHP32N48W125896	FOCUS
1FAHP33N78W108217	FOCUS
1FAHP33N78W133232	FOCUS
1FAHP33NX8W141485	FOCUS
1FAHP33NX8W143592	FOCUS
1FAHP34N08W123284	FOCUS
1FAHP34N28W129460	FOCUS
1FAHP34N98W118780	FOCUS
1FAHP34N98W127009	FOCUS
1FAHP35N28W121650	FOCUS
1FAHP35N28W123611	FOCUS
1FAHP35N28W128193	FOCUS
1FAHP35N28W128260	FOCUS
1FAHP35N38W108812	FOCUS
1FAHP35N38W122550	FOCUS
1FAHP35N38W130664	FOCUS
1FAHP35N48W123478	FOCUS
1FAHP35N48W123545	FOCUS
1FAHP35N48W127921	FOCUS
1FAHP35N68W123725	FOCUS
1FAHP35N68W126883	FOCUS
1FAHP35N68W142842	FOCUS
1FAHP35N78W124687	FOCUS
1FAHP35N78W125175	FOCUS
1FAHP35N88W114816	FOCUS
1FAHP35N88W126786	FOCUS
1FAHP35N88W136170	FOCUS
1FAHP35N98W108622	FOCUS
1FAHP35N98W123203	FOCUS
1FAHP35N98W125341	FOCUS
1FAHP35N98W127106	FOCUS
1FAHP35NX8W126255	FOCUS
1FAHP35NX8W127499	FOCUS
1FAHP32N98W134819	FOCUS
1FAHP32N68W133921	FOCUS
1FMFK15558LA25982	EXPEDITION
1FMFK17568LA31531	EXPEDITION
1FMFK19588LA18616	EXPEDITION
1FMFU16518LA28497	EXPEDITION
1FMFU16598LA32538	EXPEDITION
1FMFU19508LA17938	EXPEDITION
1FMFU19598LA32423	EXPEDITION
1FMFU20528LA28829	EXPEDITION
1FTWX33R58EC48633	F-350
1FTSW20538EC56467	F-250