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Dear Mr. Smith:

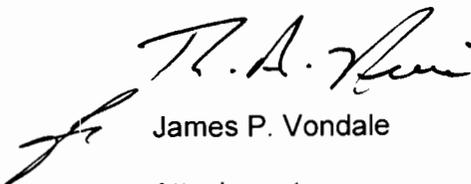
Subject: Ford Motor Company (Ford) Recall No. 08S02 - Certain 2006 and 2007 Model Year Ford E-150/E-250/E-350 vehicles and certain 2007 Model Year Ford Expedition and Lincoln Navigator vehicles with 5.4L engine.

Summary

- Ford Action - Ford is conducting a voluntary safety recall involving certain 2006 and 2007 model year Ford E-150/E-250/E-350 vehicles and certain 2007 model year Ford Expedition and Lincoln Navigator vehicles with 5.4L engines to replace the fuel rail.
- Number of Vehicles Involved - Approximately 57,199 vehicles in the United States and federalized territories.
- Effect on Vehicle Operation - The fuel rail cross-over hose on certain vehicles may have intermittent, localized carbon material clumps in the hose wall, which may weaken the hose. Over time a fuel leak may develop. If a leak occurs, the driver would notice the presence of a gasoline odor, and may notice an accumulation of gasoline in the engine compartment or on the ground beneath the vehicle. Ford is aware of 68 reports for this condition with no accidents, injuries or fires reported.
- Service Procedure - Owners will be notified and instructed to take their vehicles to a Ford or Lincoln/Mercury dealer to have the fuel rail replaced.

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

Attachment



49 CFR Part 573 -- DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT
08S02 - 2006 AND 2007 MODEL YEAR FORD E-150/E-250/E-350 AND 2007 MODEL YEAR
FORD EXPEDITION AND LINCOLN NAVIGATOR VEHICLES - 5.4L ENGINE FUEL RAIL

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

573.6 (c) (2) - Potentially Affected Vehicles

Vehicles potentially affected are certain 2006 and 2007 model year E-150/E-250/E-350 vehicles built at the Ohio Assembly Plant from September 11, 2006, through November 10, 2006, and certain 2007 model year Ford Expedition and Lincoln Navigator vehicles built at the Michigan Truck Plant from August 14, 2006, through December 22, 2006.

Because these vehicles are not produced in VIN order, information as to the applicability of this action to specific vehicles can best be obtained by either calling Ford's toll-free line (1-800-392-3673) or by contacting a local Ford dealer who can obtain specific information regarding the vehicles from the Ford On-line Automotive Service Information System (OASIS) database.

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

Approximately 57,199 vehicles in the United States and federalized territories are potentially affected.

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

Unknown.

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

The fuel rail cross-over hose on certain vehicles may have intermittent, localized carbon material clumps in the hose wall, which may weaken the hose. Over time a fuel leak may develop. If a leak occurs, the driver would notice the presence of a gasoline odor, and may notice an accumulation of gasoline in the engine compartment or on the ground beneath the vehicle. Ford is aware of 68 reports for this condition with no accidents, injuries or fires reported.

573.6 (c) (6) - Chronology of Events

On September 6, 2007, the Ford Critical Concern Review Group was notified by Fuel Metering EGR and Ignition Engineering that they had received warranty reports for fuel leaks in the fuel rail cross-over hose on 5.4L engine fuel rails. Further investigation was conducted by engineering, which included reviews of additional monthly warranty data, analysis, and testing of warranty return parts, material analysis and testing of returned and production parts, in depth supplier process review, and review of supplier and Ford inventory control and shipping records. The investigation determined that a batch of hose material had been produced by the supplier with intermittent carbon clumps in the hose wall that were installed into the fuel rail assemblies and later into vehicles.

573.6 (c) (8) - Service Program

Owners will be notified and instructed to take their vehicles to a Ford or Lincoln/Mercury dealer to have the fuel rail replaced. There will be no charge to owners for this service.

Mailing of all owner notification letters will begin on March 3, 2008, and be completed on March 7, 2008. Notification to Dealers will occur on February 5, 2008.

Ford's general reimbursement plan for the cost of remedies paid for by vehicle owners prior to notification of a safety recall was provided to the agency on February 28, 2007.

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

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

573.6 (c) (11) - Recall Number

Ford has assigned recall number 08S02 to this action.

573.13 (c) (2) - Ending date for reimbursement Eligibility

The ending date for reimbursement eligibility for cost of remedies paid for by vehicle owners per Ford's general reimbursement plan is March 20, 2008.