



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

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Hiram, GA [REDACTED]

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Ref. # 10220644

Dear [REDACTED]:

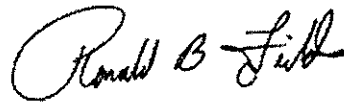
Thank you for your correspondence dated February 17, 2008, concerning your model year (MY) 2005 Ford Focus. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) Office of Defects Investigation received your correspondence on March 3, 2008.

NHTSA is the Federal agency responsible for improving safety on our Nation's highways. We are authorized to order manufacturers to recall and repair vehicles or items of motor vehicle equipment when our investigations indicate that they contain serious safety defects in their design, construction, or performance. However, we cannot act on isolated problems or resolve disputes between individual owners, dealers, or manufacturers.

We appreciate the report you provided. Reports from motorists are a very important source of information for us. We contacted City Motors Ford on your behalf regarding the recall campaign (NHTSA Campaign No. 06E-056, summary enclosed) concerning certain aftermarket fuel filters. This recall only pertains to UFI filters USA (Purolator) aftermarket fuel filters and has no relation to any original equipment on the MY 2005 Ford Focus. Please be advised that when repairs are made at a dealer, only OEM (original equipment manufacturer) parts are used. Therefore, if a fuel filter change had been made in your MY 2005 Ford Focus, it was done with original parts not aftermarket parts. We have reviewed our database in an effort to identify whether a safety defect trend exists with regard to OEM fuel filters and wheel rim rusting problems in MY 2005 Ford Focus vehicles. At this time, there is insufficient evidence to warrant opening a safety defect investigation. A brochure explaining the investigation process is enclosed for your information. The information you provided has been entered into our database. It will be considered with future reports to identify any safety defect trends that may require our attention.

Should you encounter a safety-related problem with a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment in the future, you can complete an electronic Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire online at <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/ivoq>. Also, a summary listing of vehicle owners' complaints, safety recalls, manufacturers' service bulletins, etc. can be obtained at <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/problems>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronald B. Fields". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ronald" being the most prominent.

Ronald B. Fields, Chief
Correspondence Research Division
Office of Defects Investigation
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Enclosure:

Motor Vehicle Defects and Recall Campaigns brochure
NHTSA Campaign No. 06E-056