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March 4, 2008

Administrator
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D. C. 20590

Ref: Ford Motor Company Recall

Prior to September 17, 2007 FoMoCo issued a recall (#05S28) covering the Speed Control Mechanism on our company owned 1993 Ford Crown Victoria. It asked all owners to have the speed control mechanism disconnected because conditions may result in a vehicle fire if left connected.



On September 17, 2007 I had the local Ford Dealer disconnect the speed control per FoMoCo instructions.

I have made several telephone calls to Ford + contacting the Service Department of my dealer trying to find out when service parts would be available for my vehicle. Neither one can give me an answer.

Attached is a copy of a letter I received (dated February 2008 - the envelope was postmarked Feb. 28, 2008) advising service parts were now available. I contacted the dealer (Dewey Ford in Ankeny, Iowa, phone: 515-289-4949) and they had not received any information telling them when these parts would be available.

I called Ford today & talked to a lady handling calls from Retail Owners. She informed me I shouldn't have received this letter and she did not know when parts would be available. She asked how many miles I had on the vehicle. I didn't ask her why she asked, but

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couldn't figure what the mileage on my vehicle had to do with me getting a replacement part (approx. 119,000miles).

I expressed my dissatisfaction with Ford and advised I was forwarding a letter to your department stating my problem.

As you will note in the last paragraph of the Ford letter they list your address for a contact if someone has difficulty in getting their vehicle repaired in a "reasonable time" or without charge.

Is my vehicle currently a safety hazard. NO, because the speed control has been disconnected.

Have I had difficulty in getting the vehicle repaired in a "reasonable time"? I would say YES. It has been close to 6 months since the speed control was disconnected and I would consider this beyond a reasonable time.

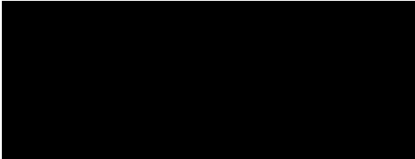
Ford had a very poor plan when they issued this recall because they had not planned production of these replacement parts. This is very evident, because even now they don't know when the new parts will be available.

In my opinion, I would naturally assume this isn't the first or last time they have made this mistake of poor planning.

Can you speed up Ford in getting replacement parts to us consumers? I don't know whether or not you can, but I will find out by how you & Ford respond to my request for assistance.

I look forward to hearing from you on your progress and hopefully I can get back the use of my speed control in the near future.

Sincerely,



CC: Dewey Ford
3055 SE Delaware
Ankeny, Iowa 50021



Ford Motor Company
Ford Customer Service Division
P.O. Box 1904
Dearborn, Michigan 48121



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DEWEY FORD 289-4949
3/4/08 10:10 "Rusty" Bogue
(Grog) - not aware
(lead # 08501)

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February 2008

DES MOINES, IA

1993 Crown Victoria
Vehicle ID #: 2FALP74W5PX 05S28

***** IMPORTANT REMINDER *****

Service parts are now available to perform the necessary repairs to your vehicle.

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Ford Motor Company has previously sent you a letter indicating that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in your speed control equipped vehicle. This condition may result in a vehicle fire, even if the vehicle is parked even if you have never used your speed control. We apologize for this situation and for our previous lack of repair parts and want to assure you that, with your assistance, we will correct this condition. Our commitment, together with Ford and Lincoln Mercury dealers, is to provide you with the highest level of service and support.

What is the issue?

Ford cannot be confident that over many years in service, the type of Speed Control Deactivation Switch (SCDS) installed on your vehicle will not leak, posing the risk of an underhood fire. This condition may occur either when the vehicle is parked or when it is being operated, even if the speed control is not in use.

What will Ford and your dealer do?

Ford Motor Company has authorized your dealer to perform the repairs under this program free of charge (parts and labor). If you had the Interim Repair (Speed Control System disconnect) performed, the final repair will restore operation of the speed control system. If your dealer has recently completed the final repair on your vehicle for this recall, please disregard this letter.

How long will it take?

Your dealer may be able to perform this repair while you wait; however, due to scheduling requirements, your dealer may need your vehicle for a longer period of time.

What are we asking you to do?

We urge you to contact your dealer as soon as possible to schedule an appointment to have this service performed.

Provide the dealer with the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) of your vehicle. The VIN is printed near your name at the beginning of this letter.

Until you have the recall service performed, park your vehicle away from structures to prevent a potential underhood fire from spreading.

The vehicle owner is responsible for having this service action performed. Ford Motor Company reserves the right to deny coverage for any vehicle damage that may result from failure to have this recall performed on a timely basis. Therefore, please have this recall performed as soon as possible.

- available Mar '08? -

Listed as Retail owner

330 Tram found from Fleet is Retail owner area

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RETAIL OWNERS: If you do not already have a servicing dealer, you can access <http://www.genuineservice.com> for dealer addresses, maps, and driving instructions.

FLEET OWNERS: If you do not already have a servicing dealer, you may access our Dealer Locator on <https://www.fleet.ford.com> for dealer addresses, maps, and driving instructions.

Please note: Federal law requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

What if you no longer own this vehicle?

If you no longer own this vehicle, and have an address for the current owner, please forward this letter to the new owner.

You received this notice because government regulations require that notification be sent to the last known owner of record. Our records are based primarily on state registration and title data, which indicate that you are the current owner.

Can we assist you further?

If you have difficulties getting your vehicle repaired promptly and without charge, please contact your dealership's Service Manager for assistance.

RETAIL OWNERS: If you still have concerns, please contact the Ford Motor Company Customer Relationship Center at 1-888-222-2751 and one of our representatives will be happy to assist you. For the hearing impaired call 1-800-232-5952 (TDD). Office Hours are Monday through Friday: 8AM - 5PM (Your Local Time). *1-800-392-3673*

If you wish to contact us through the internet, our address is: www.ownerconnection.com

FLEET OWNERS: If you still have concerns, please contact the Fleet Customer Information Center at 1-800-34-FLEET, Option #3 and one of our representatives will be happy to assist you. Representatives are available 8:30AM to 5:00PM Monday through Friday (Eastern Time Zone). *3-5338*

Or you may contact us through the internet at www.fleet.ford.com.

If you are still having difficulty getting your vehicle repaired in a reasonable time or without charge, you may write the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, D. C. 20590 or call the toll free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153) or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Ford Customer Service Division

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Called twice
1st call went direct to
Sunday questions!
hold a prob #1 for
a voice message

1st call 12:00 PM / 2nd call 2:30 PM