



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**
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Washington, DC 20590

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Sarasota, FL [REDACTED]

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Ref. # 10225048

Dear [REDACTED]:

Thank you for your correspondence dated March 31, 2008, concerning your model year (MY) 1997 Ford Thunderbird vehicle. Your correspondence was received by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) Office of Defects Investigation on April 10, 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. A review of our database relative to problems associated with the park release button on the shift lever in MY 1997 Ford Thunderbird vehicles revealed insufficient evidence to warrant opening a safety defect investigation at this time. The information you provided has been entered into our database and 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,

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