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To: [EVOQ \(NHTSA\)](#)
Subject: FW: Follow up to ODI Complaint - 11515150
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Sent: Monday, May 1, 2023 7:33 AM
To: DataQuality, DataQuality (NHTSA) <DataQuality@dot.gov>
Subject: Follow up to ODI Complaint - 11515150

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As per email dated April 28, 2023 attached is forms with any corrections that were necessary. Anything else please don't hesitate to contact me,

Thank you

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Island Park, New York [REDACTED]
Phone: [REDACTED]
Email: [REDACTED]

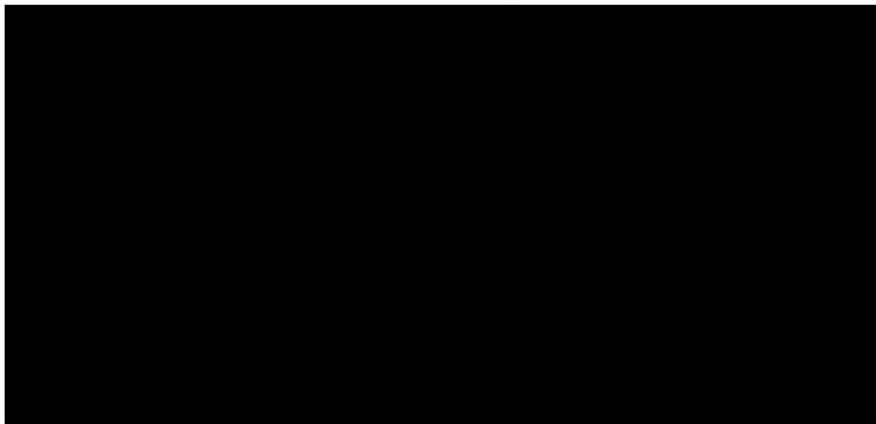
Follow up to ODI Complaint --11515150

From: EVOQ (NHTSA) (evoq@dot.gov)

To: 

Date: Friday, April 28, 2023 at 08:52 AM EDT

Please see the attached copy of your recent complaint and instructions. Please make any necessary edits and return via email to dataquality@dot.gov or fax to (202) 366-1767. Due to the volume of complaints we receive and our limited resources, we cannot respond to every complaint.
NHTSA/Office of Defects Investigation





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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Consumer:

NEF-160

As a follow-up to your report to the Vehicle Safety Hotline (VSH), we have recorded your information on the enclosed Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire (VOQ) form. Please review the form and make changes, additions and corrections as necessary. Additionally, please provide a more detailed description of the failure(s) you reported that you believe relevant to safety. Also, if available, include copies of repair invoices, letters to the manufacturer, or any other document related to the problem(s) you reported. If a crash or fire occurred, include a copy of the police or fire department report.

It is helpful to be as thorough as possible in your report so that our ability to use your report will be maximized. If you do not have the information, it is not necessary to complete all the boxes. However, it is very difficult to identify the scope of a vehicle problem unless the vehicle identification number (VIN) is known. The VIN is located inside the vehicle on the dashboard adjacent to the left (driver's side) of the windshield pillar and on the drivers' door or the driver's door jam. It may also be listed on a dealer repair invoice or your insurance or registration cards. When reporting a tire problem, the brand name, tire line and complete tire size should be included. Be certain to provide the DOT tire identification number. It is usually located near the rim flange of the tire on either side of the tire.

We do not make your personal information (name, address, phone numbers, etc.) available to the general public. However, if we open an investigation that involves your vehicle, we will provide the manufacturer of your vehicle with a complete copy of your report. The information you provide may assist the manufacturer and NHTSA in determining if a safety-related defect exists.

Any information provided is entirely voluntary. There is no consequence or penalty of any kind if you do not wish to provide it. We seek this information to develop both statistical and investigative evidence that will help identify potential safety related problems in vehicles or vehicle equipment, e.g., tires, child safety seats, jacks, etc.

When completed, please fold and staple or tape the form so that the pre-addressed portion of the form is on the outside. If a larger envelope is used, tape the VOQ form to the larger envelope so that the pre-addressed portion of the form is showing.

If further assistance is needed, please contact the VSH at their toll-free number, 1-888-327-4236.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Randy Reid Chief
Correspondence Research Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement

Enclosure: VOQ



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DOT Auto Safety Hotline
Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire
 To Report Vehicle Safety Defects
 1-888-DASH-2-DOT
 (1-888-327-4236)
 INTERNET:www.nhtsa.dot.gov/hotline

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11515150**OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)**

Name			Daytime Telephone Number		E-mail Address	
Address			Evening Telephone Number			
City		State	ZIP Code			
Island Park		NY				

The information you provide will be used to identify potential safety-related defects. We may share your information with the applicable vehicle manufacturer during an investigation or recall in accordance with the routine uses described in the agency's Privacy Act notice. See 49 FR 53971 (Sep. 3, 2004).

VEHICLE INFORMATION

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side 1FADP3F26GL			MAKE FORD	Model FOCUS	Model Year 2016
Date Purchased 08/2016	Dealer's Name and Telephone Number HASSETT FORD 516-785-7800		Engine: No: Cylinders 4		Fuel Type:
Original Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dealer's City Wantagh	STATE NY	ZIP Code 11793		
Transmission Type AUTOMATIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Antilock Brakes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cruise Control	Powertrain	Multiple Failure:	Incident Date(s) 01-MAR-2023	

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Vehicle Components Codes: 100000 POWER TRAIN	Failure Mileage 55000.0	Failure Speed
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ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE

Tire Make	Tire Model (Name or Number)	Tire Size (Example P215/65R15)
DOT No. (Example: DOTMAL 9ABC036)	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Requirement <input type="checkbox"/> Prior Repair	Failure Location:
Tire Component Code	Tire Failure Type:	

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A CHILD SEAT FAILURE

Make:	Date Manufactured:	Model No./Name:
Seat Type:	Installation System:	
Child Seat Component Code:	Failed Part:	

APPLICABLE INCIDENT INFORMATION

(Please describe in detail the Incident(s), Failure(s), Crash(es), Injury(ies).)

Crash <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Fire <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Number of Persons Injured	Number of Deaths	Reported to Police N
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Narrative Description of Incident(s), Crash(es), Injury(ies).

Please describe (1) events leading up to the failure, (2) failure and its consequences, and (3) what was done to correct the failure; i.e. parts repaired or replaced (and if old part is available).

The contact owns a 2016 Ford Focus. The contact stated that while driving at an undisclosed speed, the vehicle hesitated while accelerating. The contact stated no warning light was illuminated. The vehicle was not drivable. The contact towed the vehicle to the local dealer, where it was diagnosed with needing the transmission control module (TCM) to be replaced. The vehicle was repaired but continued to experience the failure with the check engine warning light illuminated. The contact towed the vehicle back to the local dealer, where it was diagnosed with needing the clutch, and transmission module to be replaced. The vehicle was not repaired. The manufacturer had not been informed of the failure. The failure mileage was approximately 55,000.

Include, if available: Police/Fire Department Report, Photos, and Repair Invoice.

ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY

The Privacy Act of 1974-Public Law 93-579. This information is requested pursuant to authority vested in the National Highway Traffic Safety Act and subsequent amendments. You are under no obligation to respond this questionnaire. Your response may be used to assist the NHTSA in determining whether a Manufacturer should take appropriate action to correct a safety defect. If the NHTSA proceeds with administrative enforcement or litigation against a manufacturer, your response, or a statistical summary thereof, may be used in support of the agency's action.