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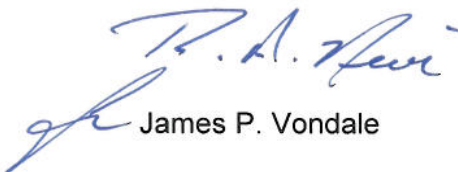
Dear Mr. Boyd:

Subject: Submittal of TREAD report form per 49 CFR, Part 579 Subpart B

This is to inform you that Ford Motor Company and/or its various subsidiaries and affiliates have decided to conduct a Field Service Action (R79150) in foreign countries. Details of this field action are included in the attached Global Recall Process Field Action report form.

If you have further questions, please call me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. P. Vondale".

James P. Vondale

Attachment





GLOBAL RECALL PROCESS REPORT OF FIELD ACTION

MANUFACTURER

Volvo

TYPE OF ACTION

Safety

FIELD ACTION NUMBER

R79150

SUBJECT

Lug bolt washer

MAKE, MODEL AND MODEL YEAR AFFECTED

Model	Model Year	
	Begin	End
Volvo / S80	2011	2011
Volvo / V60	2011	2011
Volvo / V70	2011	2011
Volvo / XC70	2011	2011
Volvo / XC90	2011	2011

ASSEMBLY PLANTS / DATES OF PRODUCTION

Assembly Plants	OASIS Active	Production Dates		VIN	
		Begin	End	Begin	End
Sweden - Volvo Torslanda Plant - Volvo	No OASIS	20-SEP-11	27-SEP-11	182275	183370

OTHER LIMITING FACTORS

This issue is limited to vehicles produced at the Volvo Torsland plant in the affected time period. Vehicles in the U.S. are unaffected.

"Substantially Similar" vehicles sold in the U.S. are:

2011 MY Volvo S80
2011 MY Volvo V60
2011 MY Volvo V70
2011 MY Volvo XC70
2011 MY Volvo XC90

A characterization of the vehicle as "Substantially Similar" is made exclusively for purposes of complying with 49 CFR Part 579 and does not imply that the vehicles are "Substantially Similar" in any other context or for any other purpose, regulatory or otherwise. Also, characterization of a vehicle as "Substantially Similar" in this context specifically does not imply that the vehicle is available for import or sale in the United States.

VEHICLES AFFECTED: 1,619

Market

Australia
Austria
Belarus
Belgium
China
Cyprus
Czech Republic
Denmark
Estonia
Finland
France
Germany
Hong Kong
Iceland
Ireland
Israel
Italy
Jamaica
Korea - South
Netherlands
Norway
Poland0
Portugal
Russian Fed.
Slovakia
Spain
Sweden
Switzerland
Taiwan
Turkey
Ukraine
United Kingdom

ESTIMATED PERCENTAGE OF THE AFFECTED VEHICLES THAT CONTAIN THE SUBJECT CONDITION

Unknown.

REASON FOR THIS FIELD ACTION

Due to an omission in the process FMEA and lack of operator training the lug bolt washers were neither hardened nor surface treated.

If these washers remain on a vehicle it could potentially lead to deformation of the washer, which in turn may lead the customer noticing noise and vibration due to reduced clamping force of the wheel joint. In a worst case scenario there is the potential for the bolts to fully loosen which could cause the wheel to fall off of the vehicle.

NUMBER OF REPORTS OF THE CONDITION

None

DESCRIPTION OF THE REMEDY

Remedy: Replace the lug bolts on all affected vehicles.

Determination: Volvo Car Corporation has voluntarily decided that all vehicles affected shall have the lug bolts replaced.

Implementation date: 2011-10-07