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Subject: Ford Core team update

Fred, per our discussions and Rob Sharpe's visit enclosed is our updates...

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May 28, 1999

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Dear Fred:

I want to review our recent support of the Ford core team to assure we do not have any misunderstandings regarding our pressure switch performance, our continued contribution to the 'core' team, and our commitment to a quick conclusion.

For six months the Texas Instruments Automotive Sensors & Controls Team has been supporting the Ford Core Diagnostic Team with technical facts, data, and analysis regarding our brake pressure switch product applied in the Ford cruise control deactivation circuit.

A senior TI pressure switch engineer was in residence at Ford for three weeks to assist with switch related issues in the system diagnostic process. Senior TI leadership participation has also been involved in virtually every Ford Core Team meeting delivering facts, data, and technical support year-to-date '99.

We also investigated switch capability, and using agreed upon accelerated simulation life testing techniques, demonstrated the ability of the model year '92 & '93, Town Car speed control deactivation switches to consistently exceed "cycle life specification" of 500,000 pressure cycles. TI Weibull reports of pressure switches tested in 1999 conservatively demonstrate 95% reliability to 1 million cycles (with confidence intervals greater than 50%).

Additionally "success testing records" of some 665 ES units that were tested during the 1991 - 1992 (11/91 - 12/92) showed zero leakage at 500,000 cycles.

Conclusion to date: 1992 period switches met specification. 1999 switch meets or exceeds specification

We have developed and delivered a laboratory model of accelerated plastic base ignition of the switch resulting from fluid in the switch cavity coupled with application of constant power as designed in the speed control circuit. Theories from the model suggest that fluids in the switch cavity in the presence of uninterrupted power could lead to a corrosion product formation which might create a plastic base ignition path.

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Conclusion to date: Constant speed control power allows long term corrosion

In light of this laboratory model and the need for cruise system power only during vehicle operation, we suggest the system architecture of "key-on/off" based power be considered.

We have been open and forthright in our communications and delivery of information and we believe we have been instrumental in helping Ford address the underhood fire concern issue.

In this regard, we think it is appropriate at this point that our active participation in the diagnostic journey of the vintage 1992 product move towards a timely conclusion. Toward this end, we will continue to support the "core" team review of 1992 product history with targeted completion in July 1999.

We are preparing to fulfill your request for hosting a site visit, supporting campaign field return device analysis, and participating in robust system brainstorming sessions moving toward conclusion in July, as well as reviewing the optimization of our product line process controls.

Our prime focus at this time is in rapidly supplying Ford with 225,000 units in support of the field actions.

Regards,

Andrew C. McGuirk
QRA Manager
Texas Instruments

attachments: 1992 Testing History
TI 77PS Test synopsis
TI 77PS Investigation Flow Diagram

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TI 77PS Test Synopsis

This document is a synopsis of tests conducted by Texas Instruments during the 77PS investigation. The intent of this document is to highlight test findings which drove the investigation to its current state. Throughout the investigation, several tests were conducted with the same objective. When each objective was met, efforts were refocused to obtain a new level of understanding and to establish a new set of objectives. As such, tests have been categorized into (5) levels, representing the level of knowledge obtained from the group of tests conducted. Each level is listed below with a short description of the objective:

- Level 1: Create a laboratory switch ignition without any restrictions on methods.
- Level 2: Create a laboratory switch ignition using only conditions found in the switch operating environment.
- Level 3: Understand the laboratory ignition mechanism.
- Level 4: Compare factors contributing to laboratory ignition.
- Level 5: Evaluate recommendations.

Refer to Brake Pressure Switch Test Log.

Level 1 Objective: Determine if a switch ignition can be created in the laboratory.

- **Test 1**

Objective: Determine if switch ignition can occur under the following laboratory conditions:

Switch contact cavity flooded with brake fluid mixed with varying amounts of % H₂O.
14 volts applied to one terminal, second terminal electrically floating.
(No electrical load across switch terminals).
Switch hexport electrically grounded.

Results:

- (8) samples were tested total:
- (2) with 4% H₂O in brake fluid.
- (2) with 6% H₂O in brake fluid.
- (2) with 10% H₂O in brake fluid.
- (2) with 75% H₂O in brake fluid.

No ignition occurred. No significant temperature rise observed in all samples. Current draw ranged from 0.5 mAmps to 5 mAmps over a period greater than (250) hours.

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• Test 2

Objective: Determine if switch ignition can occur under the following laboratory conditions:

Switch contact flooded with brake fluid.

14 volts applied to one terminal, second terminal connected to a 14 Ω resistor which is tied to ground. (1 Amp load across switch terminals).
Switch hexport electrically grounded.

Results: (2) samples were tested. No ignition occurred. No significant temperature rise observed for a period over (250) hours.

Conclusion: A (1) Amp load through switch terminals did not ignite brake fluid in the contact cavity of switches.

• Test 6

Objective: Determine if switch ignition can occur under the following laboratory conditions:

Heater element installed in contact cavity of the switch.

Power applied to the heater element until plastic base melts.

Spark generated in contact cavity of switch.

Brake fluid present in the contact cavity (wet device) and absent in the contact cavity (dry device).

Results: (2) dry devices were tested and (1) wet device was tested. Ignition occurred in all devices.

Wet device: The internal temperature of a wet device reached 660°F. A hole burned through the base of the switch (close to the heating element). The applied spark ignited the fumes in the contact cavity of the switch and engulfed the base material of the switch.

Dry device: The internal temperature of a dry switch reached over 1000°F. The switch base flopped over. The applied spark ignited the fumes in the contact cavity of the switch and engulfed the base material of the switch.

Conclusion: A switch ignition can occur under the following laboratory conditions:

Heater element installed in the switch contact cavity.

5 watts of power dissipated in heating element.

Spark generated in the contact cavity of the switch.

Brake fluid did not contribute to the ignition process.

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Level 2: Objective: Determine if a laboratory ignition can occur using only switch components and elements found in the switch environment.

- **Test 6a**

Objective: Determine if corrosive degradation of switch electrical components can cause an increase in electrical resistance (and thus a source of heat) in the switch, which may lead to an ignition.

Results: (1) out of (15) samples tested increased resistance to 5 Ω s. A solution of 5 wt. % NaCl in H₂O can corrode the electrical components of the switch and cause an increase in electrical resistance. Repeated injections of the solution of 5 wt. % NaCl in H₂O into the contact cavity of a switch, with the switch continuously powered at 14 Volts, can cause an ignition.

Conclusion: A switch ignition can occur under the following laboratory conditions:

A solution of 5% NaCl in H₂O is injected into contact cavity of a switch.
Continuous 14 Volt power applied to the switch.
Hexport is grounded.
Current is limited at 15 Amps.

- **Test 6c**

Objective: Determine if brake fluid with metal shavings is conductive enough to create an ignition.

Results: (3) devices with various size metal particles were tested. No significant current increase detected.

Conclusion: Metal shavings did not significantly increase conductivity brake fluid. Current levels measured were well below levels necessary to create an ignition.

- **Test 7**

Objective: Determine if switch meets cycle life specification.

Results: Tests conducted during the first quarter of 1999 show that switches exceed cycle life specification.

In the first quarter of 1999, a total of (42) 77PSL2-1 snap switches were impulse tested to over 1,000,000 cycles with only (1) leak below 1,000,000 cycles, which

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occurred at 728,000 cycles. A Weibull analysis showed 99.9% reliability at 500,000 cycles at 95% confidence level.

Conclusions: Switches meet cycle life specification. First quarter, 1999 tests confirm impulse test findings made during the period between 1991 and 1992. During that period, (6) impulse tests on 144 devices of 57PS and 77PS construction, had no leaks when tested to 500,000 cycles. A Weibull analysis of first quarter, 1999 tests, showed 99.9% reliability at 500,000 cycles at 95% confidence level.

• Test 15a

Objective: Determine the long term corrosive effects of brake fluid on the electrical components of switches which are continuously powered at 14 Volts.

Results: Test was suspended after 550 hours of testing. (6) samples were tested with continuous 14 Volts power. The contact cavity of (4) switches contained new brake fluid and (2) switches contained old brake fluid. Switches with old brake fluid drew very little hexport current and showed a decrease in hexport current over time to less than 1/10 mAmp. Samples with new brake fluid showed an increase in hexport current to over 20 mAmps toward the end of the 550 hours of testing. Analyses of (1) sample with new brake fluid and (1) sample with old brake fluid revealed electrolytic corrosion of the contact arm of both switches. There was a much lower level of corrosion in the sample with used brake fluid than the sample with new brake fluid.

Conclusion: Brake fluid in the contact cavity of switches, which are at 14 Volts continuous power for over 500 hours, can cause electrolytic corrosion of the switch contact arm and an increase in hexport current.

• Test 17

Objective: Quantify the long term corrosive effects of new brake fluid on the electrical components of switches under the following laboratory conditions:

Contact cavity of switch flooded with new brake fluid.
Switches at continuous 14 Volts power.
Switches subjected to vibration for (1) hour per day.
Switches subjected to 100°C for (1) hour per day.

Results: Test suspended after (312) hours. (50) samples tested. The average hexport current draw after (312) hours is 1.9 mAmps with a standard deviation of 1.8 mAmps. These results are consistent with results previously found in Test 15a at the 300 hour point.

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Conclusion: New brake fluid in the contact cavity of switches, has not caused an increase in hexport current after (312) hours at continuous 14 Volts power.

Level 3: Objective: Understand the laboratory ignition process, determine the current path and establish a repeatable ignition method.

- Test 6b

Objective: Understand the ignition process, determine the current path and establish a repeatable ignition method.

Results: Multiple attempts at laboratory ignition, via injection of a solution of 5 wt. % NaCl in H₂O into the contact cavity of switches, has resulted in a repeatability rate of approximately 50%. Plots of hexport current verses time show an increase in current until the point of ignition.

Conclusion: A repeatable laboratory method for switch ignition was established. Based on hexport current measurements, the current path is from switch terminals to hexport body.

When a solution of 5 wt. % NaCl in H₂O is repeatedly injected into the contact cavity of powered switches, electrolytic corrosion of the switch terminal results in an increase in terminal resistance. When sufficient power is drawn through the corrosive resistance, switch elements heat up and begin to glow red hot. A hole burns through the switch base and ignition occurs. There is arcing visible throughout the corrosion process which may provide the spark necessary for ignition.

Level 4: Objective: Compare and contrast variables influencing ignition using the established laboratory ignition method.

- Test 13a

Objective: Compare various fluids in the established ignition method.

Results: The following fluids were tested.

- (1) NaCl in H₂O.
- (1) tap water
- (1) rain water
- (1) used brake fluid
- (1) used brake fluid with 5 wt. % H₂O
- (1) new brake fluid
- (1) new brake fluid with 5 wt. % H₂O

The switch filled with 5 wt. % NaCl in H₂O resulted in an ignition when average hexport current exceeded 2.5 Amps. Switches that were filled with tap water and rain water drew less than 10 mAmps over a (3) hour test and showed little signs of

corrosion. Switches filled with a matrix of new and used brake fluids, with water and without water, all drew less than 3 mAmps hexport current draw and showed no signs of corrosion over the (24) hour test.

Conclusion: Brake fluid is not conductive enough to cause the electrolytic corrosion and necessary current draw to create an ignition within a 3 hour lab test. Because of its' significantly higher conductivity, an ionic rich fluid such as NaCl in H₂O can cause an ignition in a 3 hour lab test exposure..

• Test 15

Objective: Compare the ignition characteristics of various plastics as switch base material.

Results: When 5 wt. % NaCl in H₂O was injected into switches with different base materials, the following results were obtained: Cellanex 4300 ignited 3 out of 5 attempts. Noryl ignited 2 out of 5 attempts. Zytel ignited 1 out of 5 attempts.

Conclusions: All plastics tested can ignite using the established laboratory ignition method.

• Test 15b

Objective: Determine if switch ignition can occur in the vertical position and 45° orientation. Determine if switch ignition can occur and at different rotational angles in the 45° orientation.

Results: Switch ignitions can occur in both the vertical and 45° orientation using the established laboratory ignition method.

Conclusion: Switch ignition does not appear to be sensitive to vertical orientation versus 45° orientation nor to rotational angle in the 45° orientation.

Level 5 Objective:

Test 16

• Objective: Test proposed relay circuit.

Results: (1) switch was injected with a solution of 5 wt. % NaCl in H₂O and placed in the proposed current limiting circuit for (48) hours. The current draw remained constant at 180 mAmps throughout the test. There was no activity observed and the contact arm remained mostly intact.

(1) switch was brought to an impending burn condition using the established burn method. An impending burn is a condition where a corrosive resistance has built

up in the switch and an ignition is imminent. The switch was then placed in the proposed relay circuit for 18 hours where it drew 160 mAmps, showed no visible activity and did not result in an ignition.

Because the proposed relay circuit acts as a resistor which limits current to the switch, the maximum power to the switch is limited to .75 Watts. A resistive wire was wrapped around the base of (1) switch and 0.75 Watts of power was dissipated in the wire. The wire became warm to the touch but had no effect on the switch.

Conclusion: 0.75 Watts, the maximum power in the proposed circuit design, is insufficient to cause substantial electrolytic corrosion or significant switch terminal heating, which is necessary to create an ignition. In previous tests, using a resistor as the heating element (see Test 6), approximately 5 Watts of power was necessary to create an ignition.

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Category	Test	Location	Test Parameters	Results Update
Lab Simulation of Potential Ignition in Switch	1	TI	Vary water concentrations in 'new' Brake Fluid 14Vdc to one terminal, heoport grounded Water Conc: 4%, 5%, 10%, 75%	250+ hours, Current draw in the 0.5mA to 5mA range Fluid has discolored. No Significant Temperature Rise. Test Suspended. Internal Analysis suspended.
	2	TI	New Brake Fluid 1 Amp through switch terminals 14Vdc to one terminal, heoport grounded	250+ hours. Constant temperature. No significant temperature rise with time Test Suspended.
	3	AVT	new Brake Fluid in Switch, 24 VDC to one terminal. Heoport Grounded	> 300 hours into test, max current 7mA No significant change with time. Test suspended
	4	AVT	new Brake Fluid in Switch, 24 VDC to one terminal. Heoport Grounded, Ambient at 100 C	16 hours into test max current 5mA No significant temperature rise with time. Test suspended.
	5	AVT	new Brake Fluid in Switch, 18 Amps Through switch terminals	Temperature rise of 20 C above room temp Delta T reached steady state at 20 C. Test suspended.
	5a	AVT	new Brake Fluid in Switch approx. 50 Amps through Switch Terminals	Temperature rose to approx. 270 F. No smoke. No Ignition Test suspended.
	6	TI	Build heater elements into Switch. Heat till failure, include sparking. (1) w/ solution of Brake Fluid and 8 wt. % H ₂ O	3 tested. Smoke observed, Ignition observed on part w/heater See attachment Test complete Brake fluid in cavity slows down heat build-up Smoke observed at 575 F, Base melts and falls off at 600 F
	6a	TI	Create heater by coroding spring arm Salt water solution, 14V between spring and heoport	One out of 15 devices increased resistance to 5 ohms. Others either very low resistance or megohms It took about 100 hours to reach the 5 ohm stage. The 5 ohm device ignited under conditions similar to test 6.
	6b	TI	Re-run Ignition test to understand repeatability and current path.	Switch Ignition with repeated 5% water solution into switch Current path is through heoport. See plots and video.
	6c	TI	Pure 'new' brake fluid with metal shavings	Additional test include tap water, old BF, new BF and other. Metal shavings do not contribute significantly to brake fluid

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				conductivity
Life Cycle Reliability of Pressure Switch	7	TI	0-1400 psig pressure pulses at 135C per ES	First leak observed at 728,000 cycles. Test Completed. See attached Weibull Chart.
Diaphragm Wear	8	TI	0-1400 psig pressure pulses at 135C.	Parts withdrawn every 200k cycles, characterized for wear
Field vs Lab Correlation	9	Central Labs	Field returns, from dealer lots, junkyards	Parts in Central Labs, see Ford spreadsheet
Design Of Experiments (1) Evaluating Factors Effecting Diaphragm Wear Impulse test	10	TI	Vary water concentrations in 'new' Brake Fluid 12 snap + 12 quiet switches w/ 0 % water in BF 12 snap + 12 quiet switches w/ 5 % water in BF	Test Report being written investigation continues. Suspended at 1.3 million cycles with no leaks observed. Snap samples suspended at 1.3 million cycles with 2 leaks observed at 1.3M. Quiet samples suspended at 500k cycles to assess fading anomalies.
On-Vehicle Characterization of Pressure & Temperature Profile in Town Car	11	AVT	Monitor Pressure and Temperature at Switch Location for ABS and non-ABS braking events.	Test at AVT.....see Ford charts...>500k in car?
Brake fluid analysis Used fluid at master cylinder.	11a	TI	Analyze used brake fluid at the master cylinder (UMC), used brake fluid at the caliper (UCA) and new brake fluid (NEW) for metal and water content.	Test complete. UMC: Cu = 418 (ug/ml), Fe = 5.8 (ug/ml), Cr = 0.08 (ug/ml), 1.1 %H2O. UCA: Cu = 582 (ug/ml), Fe = 5.5 (ug/ml), Cr = 1.8 (ug/ml), 1.1 %H2O. NEW: Cu = <0.01 (ug/ml), Fe = 0.62 (ug/ml), Cr = <0.01 (ug/ml), 0.3 %H2O.
Spark /Arc Study	12	Central Labs	Determine if arcing/spark forms in switch using clutch loads and high speed video. Use dry switches as well as switches with various brake fluid water ratios.	Equipment set-up in progress at Central Labs. TI Experimented with no 'significant' sparks observed
Characterization of switches retrieved from field junkyards & other sources	13	Central Labs	Characterize electrical, mechanical and chemical aspects of returned switches	Data log and analysis procedure set up complete. Analysis of switches in progress.
Fluid Ingress Tests	13a	TI	Repeat Ignition simulation with different fluids. (3) hour tests: 5% NaCl in tap water rain water (24) hour tests: tap water used brake fluid	Test complete. 6% NaCl sample resulted in an Ignition. All brake fluid samples drew less than 3 mAmps. No corrosion visible on brake fluid samples. Rain water and tap water samples drew <10 mAmps and showed some signs of corrosion. Chemical analysis in process.

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			used brake fluid w/ 5% H ₂ O	
			new brake fluid	
			new brake fluid w/ 5% H ₂ O	
Design Of Experiments (2)	13b	TI	Very water concentrations in 'new' Brake Fluid	Test suspended. Analysis in process to assess test during.
Repeat of test 10			10 snap + 20 quiet switches w/ 0 % water in BF	
			10 snap + 20 quiet switches w/ 5 % water in BF	
Compatibility of Kapton with Oxalic Acid	14	Dupont	Characterize change in properties of Kapton with various % oxalic acid in brake fluid.	Test in progress (100) hours completed. Oxalic acid shows similar effects that water has on Kapton properties.
Evaluation of Plastic Materials with Improved Parameters	15	TI	Assess properties and moldability of different grades of plastic resin with additives to improve plastic part performance	Test suspended. Celanese and Noryl Ignited 3/5 and 2/5 trials ZYTEL samples tested 1/5 ignitions
Long duration brake fluid ingress test.	15a	TI	(4) samples with new brake fluid (2) samples with used brake fluid	Test suspended (560) hours completed. Used brake fluid current dropped off to <1/10 mAmp. New BF heatport current can increase w/ time under cont. power.
Evaluation of Switch Orientation	15b	TI	Assess ignition sensitivity to switch orientation. Test vertical verses 45 degree. Test rotational sensitivity in 45 deg. orientation.	Test complete. Ignition is independent of switch orientation. simulated switch ignition can occur in vertical or 45 degree angle. Ignition appears not sensitive to switch rotational alignment.
Relay Circuit Test	16	TI	Repeat test 15a in Ford relay circuit for (48) hrs. Bring switch to impending ignition in (15) Amp circuit then place in relay circuit for (18) hrs. Input max. circuit power into heater on switch.	Test complete. No ignition. Corrosion rate drastically reduced. Insufficient power in circuit to create or move toward ignition in lab Heater element was warm to the touch.
Long duration brake fluid ingress test number 2.	17	TI	(50) samples filled with new brake fluid (1) hour of vibration per day (1) hour soak at 100 deg C per day	Test suspended. (312) hours completed. Average heatport current is 1.8 mAmp (stddeviation = 1.8 mAmps)

preliminary draft summary of TI record search findings of May 14-17 1999

summary by Steve Beringhame & Andy McGuirk May 19th 1999

TI P/N: 77PSL2-1

Ford P/N: F2VC-9F924-AB

Tested at 'room temp' per manufacturing ES requirements

Date	Lot Size	Qty Impulse Tested	Qty Leak
26-Nov-91	4,000	10	-
26-Nov-91	4,000	10	-
5-Dec-91	4,000	10	-
5-Dec-91	4,000	10	-
9-Dec-91	4,000	10	-
9-Dec-91	2,000	5	-
11-Dec-91	4,000	10	-
11-Dec-91	4,000	10	-
13-Dec-91	4,000	10	-
14-Dec-91	4,000	10	-
16-Dec-91	4,000	10	-
16-Dec-91	4,000	10	-
2-Jan-92	4,000	10	-
6-Jan-92	4,000	10	-
7-Jan-92	2,000	5	-
8-Jan-92	4,000	10	-
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14-Jan-92	4,000	10	-
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28-Jan-92	2,000	5	-
31-Jan-92	4,000	10	-
2-Feb-92	1,650	5	-
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6-Mar-92	4,000	10	-
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11-Mar-92	4,000	10	-
12-Mar-92	4,000	10	-

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18-Mar-92	4,000	10	-
23-Apr-92	2,000	5	-
2-May-92	2,000	5	-
5-May-92	2,000	5	-
6-May-92	2,000	5	-
14-Sep-92	2,000	5	-
22-Sep-92	4,000	10	-
30-Sep-92	4,000	10	-
7-Oct-92	4,000	10	-
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9-Dec-92	2,000	5	-
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Totals units	265,600	665	-
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GM recalls 35,000 Cadillacs

Automaker says '98 and '99 Cadillac
Sevilles have an electrical short

May 27, 1999: 5:42 p.m. ET

DETROIT (Reuters) - General Motors Corp. said Thursday it is recalling about 35,000 1998 and 1999 Cadillac Sevilles because of an electrical short that could cause an engine compartment fire.

A fire could occur with the engine off and the car key removed, GM said. The automaker has confirmed seven reports of fires as a result. None have caused injuries.

"We want our customers to know that we consider this a serious condition," John Smith, Cadillac general manager, said in a statement. "We have started the process of contacting customers so that they can have their vehicles serviced as soon as possible at their Cadillac dealer. We also want them to know that Cadillac is taking extra measures to minimize any inconvenience, including providing courtesy cars until the repair can be made."

Most of the cars being recalled are model year 1999 Sevilles, with only 139 cars, made in the last month of model year 1998, affected by the problem, GM said. The 1998 cars carry vehicle identification numbers greater than WU934376.

Because fire can spread, GM strongly recommended that the Sevilles not be parked in an enclosed area such as a garage until they are brought into the dealership.

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Fred, per our discussions and Rob Sharpe's visit enclosed is our updates...


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Dear Fred:

I want to review our recent support of the Ford core team to assure we do not have any misunderstandings regarding our pressure switch performance, our continued contribution to the 'core' team, and our commitment to a quick conclusion.

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* Initial field service to rewire switch circuit (w/relay) was rejected due to durability concerns with relay (untested). Do not want to introduce another potential problem.

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

Ford Motor Company has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 1992 and 1993 Crown Victoria, Grand Marquis, and Lincoln Town Cars with Speed Control.

**Safety
Defects:**

Some Speed Control Deactivation Switches on the affected vehicles may develop a resistive short in the electrical circuit that may potentially result in an underhood fire. A fire is possible both when the vehicle is running and when the vehicle engine is off. Also, the short may disable the speed control system or cause the brake light fuse to open.

Repairs:

Repair parts may not be available until mid-June, 1999. If your dealer is not able to obtain the parts needed for this recall, an Interim Repair can be performed at no charge to you. However a second visit to your dealer will be required at a later date to have the permanent repair performed. We regret this inconvenience, but your safety is our primary concern.

Interim Repair: If parts are not available, the Interim Repair should be performed immediately. This repair involves disconnecting the electrical connector from the Speed Control Deactivation Switch and protecting the connector and from contamination. The Speed Control system will be inoperative until the Permanent Repair is performed; normal vehicle operation without Speed Control is not affected.

Permanent Repair: Parts for this repair are expected to become available the middle of June, 1999. This repair will involve the replacement of the Speed Control Deactivation Switch with a new switch. In addition, the switch hard-shell connector will be replaced to eliminate the possibility of undetected heat damage to the connector.

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Fred, per our discussions and Rob Sharpe's visit enclosed is our updates...

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TI 77PS Test Synopsis

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- Level 1: Create a laboratory switch ignition without any restrictions on methods.
- Level 2: Create a laboratory switch ignition using only conditions found in the switch operating environment.
- Level 3: Understand the laboratory ignition mechanism.
- Level 4: Compare factors contributing to laboratory ignition.
- Level 5: Evaluate recommendations.

Refer to Brake Pressure Switch Test Log.

Level 1 Objective: Determine if a switch ignition can be created in the laboratory.

- **Test 1**

Objective: Determine if switch ignition can occur under the following laboratory conditions:

Switch contact cavity flooded with brake fluid mixed with varying amounts of % H₂O.
14 volts applied to one terminal, second terminal electrically floating.
(No electrical load across switch terminals).
Switch harness electrically grounded.

Results:

- (8) samples were tested total:
- (2) with 4% H₂O in brake fluid.
- (2) with 6% H₂O in brake fluid.
- (2) with 10% H₂O in brake fluid.
- (2) with 75% H₂O in brake fluid.

No ignition occurred. No significant temperature rise observed in all samples. Current draw ranged from 0.5 mAmps to 5 mAmps over a period greater than (250) hours.

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• **Test 2**

Objective: Determine if switch ignition can occur under the following laboratory conditions:

Switch contact flooded with brake fluid.
14 volts applied to one terminal, second terminal connected to a 14 Ω resistor which is tied to ground. (1 Amp load across switch terminals).
Switch hexport electrically grounded.

Results: (2) samples were tested. No ignition occurred. No significant temperature rise observed for a period over (250) hours.

Conclusion: A (1) Amp load through switch terminals did not ignite brake fluid in the contact cavity of switches.

• **Test 6**

Objective: Determine if switch ignition can occur under the following laboratory conditions:

Heater element installed in contact cavity of the switch.
Power applied to the heater element until plastic base melts.
Spark generated in contact cavity of switch.
Brake fluid present in the contact cavity (wet device) and absent in the contact cavity (dry device).

Results: (2) dry devices were tested and (1) wet device was tested. Ignition occurred in all devices.

Wet device: The internal temperature of a wet device reached 660°F. A hole burned through the base of the switch (close to the heating element). The applied spark ignited the fumes in the contact cavity of the switch and engulfed the base material of the switch.

Dry device: The internal temperature of a dry switch reached over 1000°F. The switch base flopped over. The applied spark ignited the fumes in the contact cavity of the switch and engulfed the base material of the switch.

Conclusion: A switch ignition can occur under the following laboratory conditions:

Heater element installed in the switch contact cavity.
5 watts of power dissipated in heating element.
Spark generated in the contact cavity of the switch.

Brake fluid did not contribute to the ignition process.

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Level 2: Objective: Determine if a laboratory ignition can occur using only switch components and elements found in the switch environment.

- **Test 6a**

Objective: Determine if corrosive degradation of switch electrical components can cause an increase in electrical resistance (and thus a source of heat) in the switch, which may lead to an ignition.

Results: (1) out of (15) samples tested increased resistance to 5 Ω s. A solution of 5 wt. % NaCl in H₂O can corrode the electrical components of the switch and cause an increase in electrical resistance. Repeated injections of the solution of 5 wt. % NaCl in H₂O into the contact cavity of a switch, with the switch continuously powered at 14 Volts, can cause an ignition.

Conclusion: A switch ignition can occur under the following laboratory conditions:

A solution of 5% NaCl in H₂O is injected into contact cavity of a switch.
Continuous 14 Volt power applied to the switch.
Hexport is grounded.
Current is limited at 15 Amps.

- **Test 6c**

Objective: Determine if brake fluid with metal shavings is conductive enough to create an ignition.

Results: (3) devices with various size metal particles were tested. No significant current increase detected.

Conclusion: Metal shavings did not significantly increase conductivity brake fluid. Current levels measured were well below levels necessary to create an ignition.

- **Test 7**

Objective: Determine if switch meets cycle life specification.

Results: Tests conducted during the first quarter of 1999 show that switches exceed cycle life specification.

In the first quarter of 1999, a total of (42) 77PSL2-1 snap switches were impulse tested to over 1,000,000 cycles with only (1) leak below 1,000,000 cycles, which

occurred at 728,000 cycles. A Weibull analysis showed 99.9% reliability at 500,000 cycles at 95% confidence level.

Conclusions: Switches meet cycle life specification. First quarter, 1999 tests confirm impulse test findings made during the period between 1991 and 1992. During that period, (6) impulse tests on 144 devices of 57PS and 77PS construction, had no leaks when tested to 500,000 cycles. A Weibull analysis of first quarter, 1999 tests, showed 99.9% reliability at 500,000 cycles at 95% confidence level.

• **Test 15a**

Objective: Determine the long term corrosive effects of brake fluid on the electrical components of switches which are continuously powered at 14 Volts.

Results: Test was suspended after 550 hours of testing. (6) samples were tested with continuous 14 Volts power. The contact cavity of (4) switches contained new brake fluid and (2) switches contained old brake fluid. Switches with old brake fluid drew very little hexport current and showed a decrease in hexport current over time to less than 1/10 mAmp. Samples with new brake fluid showed an increase in hexport current to over 20 mAmps toward the end of the 550 hours of testing. Analyses of (1) sample with new brake fluid and (1) sample with old brake fluid revealed electrolytic corrosion of the contact arm of both switches. There was a much lower level of corrosion in the sample with used brake fluid than the sample with new brake fluid.

Conclusion: Brake fluid in the contact cavity of switches, which are at 14 Volts continuous power for over 500 hours, can cause electrolytic corrosion of the switch contact arm and an increase in hexport current.

• **Test 17**

Objective: Quantify the long term corrosive effects of new brake fluid on the electrical components of switches under the following laboratory conditions:

Contact cavity of switch flooded with new brake fluid.
Switches at continuous 14 Volts power.
Switches subjected to vibration for (1) hour per day.
Switches subjected to 100°C for (1) hour per day.

Results: Test suspended after (312) hours. (50) samples tested. The average hexport current draw after (312) hours is 1.9 mAmps with a standard deviation of 1.8 mAmps. These results are consistent with results previously found in Test 15a at the 300 hour point.

Conclusion: New brake fluid in the contact cavity of switches, has not caused an increase in hexport current after (312) hours at continuous 14 Volts power.

Level 3: Objective: Understand the laboratory ignition process, determine the current path and establish a repeatable ignition method.

• Test 6b

Objective: Understand the ignition process, determine the current path and establish a repeatable ignition method.

Results: Multiple attempts at laboratory ignition, via injection of a solution of 5 wt. % NaCl in H₂O into the contact cavity of switches, has resulted in a repeatability rate of approximately 50%. Plots of hexport current verses time show an increase in current until the point of ignition.

Conclusion: A repeatable laboratory method for switch ignition was established. Based on hexport current measurements, the current path is from switch terminals to hexport body.

When a solution of 5 wt. % NaCl in H₂O is repeatedly injected into the contact cavity of powered switches, electrolytic corrosion of the switch terminal results in an increase in terminal resistance. When sufficient power is drawn through the corrosive resistance, switch elements heat up and begin to glow red hot. A hole burns through the switch base and ignition occurs. There is arcing visible throughout the corrosion process which may provide the spark necessary for ignition.

Level 4: Objective: Compare and contrast variables influencing ignition using the established laboratory ignition method.

• Test 13a

Objective: Compare various fluids in the established ignition method.

Results: The following fluids were tested.

- (1) NaCl in H₂O.
- (1) tap water
- (1) rain water
- (1) used brake fluid
- (1) used brake fluid with 5 wt. % H₂O
- (1) new brake fluid
- (1) new brake fluid with 5 wt. % H₂O

The switch filled with 5 wt. % NaCl in H₂O resulted in an ignition when average hexport current exceeded 2.5 Amps. Switches that were filled with tap water and rain water drew less than 10 mAmps over a (3) hour test and showed little signs of

corrosion. Switches filled with a matrix of new and used brake fluids, with water and without water, all drew less than 3 mAmps hexport current draw and showed no signs of corrosion over the (24) hour test.

Conclusion: Brake fluid is not conductive enough to cause the electrolytic corrosion and necessary current draw to create an ignition within a 3 hour lab test. Because of its' significantly higher conductivity, an ionic rich fluid such as NaCl in H₂O can cause an ignition in a 3 hour lab test exposure..

- Test 15

Objective: Compare the ignition characteristics of various plastics as switch base material.

Results: When 5 wt. % NaCl in H₂O was injected into switches with different base materials, the following results were obtained: Cellanex 4300 ignited 3 out of 5 attempts. Noryl ignited 2 out of 5 attempts. Zytel ignited 1 out of 5 attempts.

Conclusions: All plastics tested can ignite using the established laboratory ignition method.

- Test 15b

Objective: Determine if switch ignition can occur in the vertical position and 45° orientation. Determine if switch ignition can occur and at different rotational angles in the 45° orientation.

Results: Switch ignitions can occur in both the vertical and 45° orientation using the established laboratory ignition method.

Conclusion: Switch ignition does not appear to be sensitive to vertical orientation verses 45° orientation nor to rotational angle in the 45° orientation.

Level 5 Objective:

Test 16

- Objective: Test proposed relay circuit.

Results: (1) switch was injected with a solution of 5 wt. % NaCl in H₂O and placed in the proposed current limiting circuit for (48) hours. The current draw remained constant at 180 mAmps throughout the test. There was no activity observed and the contact arm remained mostly intact.

(1) switch was brought to an impending burn condition using the established burn method. An impending burn is a condition where a corrosive resistance has built

up in the switch and an ignition is imminent. The switch was then placed in the proposed relay circuit for (18) hours where it drew 160 mAmps, showed no visible activity and did not result in an ignition.

Because the proposed relay circuit acts as a resistor which limits current to the switch, the maximum power to the switch is limited to .75 Watts. A resistive wire was wrapped around the base of (1) switch and 0.75 Watts of power was dissipated in the wire. The wire became warm to the touch but had no effect on the switch.

Conclusion: 0.75 Watts, the maximum power in the proposed circuit design, is insufficient to cause substantial electrolytic corrosion or significant switch terminal heating, which is necessary to create an ignition. In previous tests, using a resistor as the heating element (see Test 6), approximately 5 Watts of power was necessary to create an ignition.

Brake Pressure Switch Test Log, Updated 6/30/99

Category	Test	Location	Test Parameters	Results Update
Lab Simulation of Potential Ignition in Switch	1	TI	Vary water concentrations in 'new' Brake Fluid 14Vdc to one terminal, harness grounded Water Conc: 4%, 6%, 10%, 75%	250+ hours. Current draw in the 0.5mA to 5mA range Fluid has discolored. No Significant Temperature Rise. Test Suspended Internal Analysis suspended.
	2	TI	New Brake Fluid 1 Amp through switch terminals 14Vdc to one terminal, harness grounded	250+ hours. Constant temperature. No significant temperature rise with time Test Suspended.
	3	AVT	'new' Brake Fluid in Switch, 24 VDC to one terminal. Harness Grounded	> 300 hours into test, max current 7mA No significant change with time. Test suspended
	4	AVT	'new' Brake Fluid in Switch, 24 VDC to one terminal. Harness Grounded, Ambient at 100 C	16 hours into test max current 5mA No significant temperature rise with time. Test suspended.
	5	AVT	'new' Brake Fluid in Switch, 16 Amps Through switch terminals	Temperature rise of 20 C above room temp Delta T reached steady state at 20 C. Test suspended.
	5a	AVT	'new' Brake Fluid in Switch approx. 60 Amps through Switch Terminals	Temperature rose to approx. 270 F. No smoke. No ignition Test suspended.
	6	TI	Build heater elements into Switch. Heat till failure, include sparking. (1) w/ solution of Brake Fluid and 5 wt. % H ₂ O	3 tested. Smoke observed, ignition observed on part w/heater See attachment Test complete Brake fluid in cavity slows down heat build-up Smoke observed at 675 F. Base melts and falls off at 800 F
	6a	TI	Create heater by corroding spring arm Salt water solution, 14V between spring and harness	One out of 15 devices increased resistance to 5 ohms. Others either very low resistance or megohms It took about 100 hours to reach the 5 ohm stage. The 5 ohm device ignited under conditions similar to test 6.
	6b	TI	Re-run ignition test to understand repeatability and current path.	Switch ignition with repeated 5% water solution into switch Current path is through harness. See plots and video.
	6c	TI	Pure 'new' brake fluid with metal shavings	Additional test include tap water, old BF, new BF and other. Metal shavings do not contribute significantly to brake fluid

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Brake Pressure Switch Test Log, Updated 8/30/99

				conductivity
Life Cycle Reliability of Pressure Switch	7	TI	0-1400 psig pressure pulses at 135C per ES	First leak observed at 728,000 cycles. Test Completed. See attached Weibull Chart
Diaphragm Wear	8	TI	0-1400 psig pressure pulses at 135C	Parts withdrawn every 200k cycles, characterized for wear
Field vs Lab Correlation	9	Central Labs	Field returns, from dealer lots, junkyards	Parts in Central Labs, see Ford spreadsheet
Design Of Experiments (1) Evaluating Factors Effecting Diaphragm Wear Impulse test	10	TI	Very water concentrations in 'new' Brake Fluid 12 snap + 12 quiet switches w/ 0 % water in BF 12 snap + 12 quiet switches w/ 5 % water in BF	Test Report being written investigation continues Suspended at 1.3 million cycles with no leaks observed Snap samples suspended at 1.3 million cycles with 2 leaks observed at 1.3M. Quiet samples suspended at 500k cycles to assess ficturing anomalies.
On-Vehicle Characterization of Pressure & Temperature Profile in Town Car	11	AVT	Monitor Pressure and Temperature at Switch Location for ABS and non-ABS braking events.	Test at AVT...see Ford charts...>500k in car?
Brake fluid analysis Used fluid at master cylinder.	11a	TI	Analyze used brake fluid at the master cylinder (UMC), used brake fluid at the caliper (UCA) and new brake fluid (NEW) for metal and water content.	Test complete. UMC: Cu = 415 (ug/ml), Fe = 5.5 (ug/ml), Cr = 0.06 (ug/ml), 1.1 %H2O. UCA: Cu = 582 (ug/ml), Fe = 5.5 (ug/ml), Cr = 1.9 (ug/ml), 1.1 %H2O. NEW: Cu = <0.01 (ug/ml), Fe = 0.82 (ug/ml), Cr = <0.01 (ug/ml), 0.3 %H2O.
Spark /Arc Study	12	Central Labs	Determine if arc/spark forms in switch using clutch loads and high speed video. Use dry switches as well as switches with various brake fluid water ratios.	Equipment set-up in progress at Central Labs. TI Experimented with no 'significant' sparks observed
Characterization of switches retrieved from field junkyards & other sources	13	Central Labs	Characterize electrical, mechanical and chemical aspects of returned switches	Data log and analysis procedure set up complete. Analysis of switches in progress.
Fluid Ingress Tests	13a	TI	Repeat ignition simulation with different fluids. (3) hour tests: 5% NaCl in tap water rain water (24) hour tests: tap water	Test complete. 5% NaCl sample resulted in an ignition. All brake fluid samples drew less than 3 mAmps. No corrosion visible on brake fluid samples. Rain water and tap water samples drew <10 mAmps and showed some signs of corrosion.

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Brake Pressure Switch Test Log, Updated 6/30/99

			used brake fluid	Chemical analysis in process.
			used brake fluid w/ 5% H ₂ O	
			new brake fluid	
			new brake fluid w/ 5% H ₂ O	
Design Of Experiments (2)	13b	TI	Very water concentrations in 'new' Brake Fluid	Test suspended. Analysis in process to assess test filtering.
Repeat of test 10			10 amp + 20 quiet switches w/ 4 % water in BF	
			10 amp + 20 quiet switches w/ 5 % water in BF	
Compatibility of Kapton with Oxalic Acid	14	Dupont	Characterize change in properties of Kapton with various % oxalic acid in brake fluid.	Test in progress (100) hours completed. Oxalic acid shows similar effects that water has on Kapton properties.
Evaluation of Plastic Materials with Improved Parameters	15	TI	Assess properties and moldability of different grades of plastic resin with additives to improve plastic part performance	Test suspended. Celcon and Noryl ignited 3/5 and 2/5 trials ZYTEL samples tested 1/5 ignitions
Long duration brake fluid ingress test.	15a	TI	(4) samples with new brake fluid (2) samples with used brake fluid	Test suspended (560) hours completed. Used brake fluid current dropped off to <1/10 mAmp. New BF hasport current can increase w/ time under cont. power.
Evaluation of Switch Orientation	15b	TI	Assess ignition sensitivity to switch orientation. Test vertical versus 45 degree. Test rotational sensitivity in 45 deg. orientation.	Test complete. Ignition is independent of switch orientation. simulated switch ignition can occur in vertical or 45 degree angle. Ignition appears not sensitive to switch rotational alignment.
Relay Circuit Test	16	TI	Repeat test 13a in Ford relay circuit for (48) hrs. Bring switch to impending ignition in (15) Amp circuit then place in relay circuit for (18) hrs. Input max. circuit power into heater on switch.	Test complete. No ignition. Corrosion rate drastically reduced. Insufficient power in circuit to create or move toward ignition in lab. Heater element was warm to the touch.
Long duration brake fluid ingress test number 2.	17	TI	(58) samples filled with new brake fluid (1) hour of vibration per day (1) hour soak at 100 deg C per day	Test suspended. (312) hours completed. Average hasport current is 1.8 mAmp (stddeviation = 1.8 mAmps)

preliminary draft summary of TI record search findings of May 14-17 1999

summary by Steve Beringhouse & Andy McGuirk May 19th 1999

TI P/N: 77PSL2-1

Ford P/N: F2VC-9F924-AB

Tested at 'room temp' per manufacturing ES requirements

Date	Lot Size	Qty Impulse Tested	Qty Leak
26-Nov-91	4,000	10	-
26-Nov-91	4,000	10	-
5-Dec-91	4,000	10	-
5-Dec-91	4,000	10	-
9-Dec-91	4,000	10	-
9-Dec-91	2,000	5	-
11-Dec-91	4,000	10	-
11-Dec-91	4,000	10	-
13-Dec-91	4,000	10	-
14-Dec-91	4,000	10	-
16-Dec-91	4,000	10	-
16-Dec-91	4,000	10	-
2-Jan-92	4,000	10	-
6-Jan-92	4,000	10	-
7-Jan-92	2,000	5	-
8-Jan-92	4,000	10	-
8-Jan-92	4,000	10	-
14-Jan-92	4,000	10	-
14-Jan-92	4,000	10	-
15-Jan-92	4,000	10	-
28-Jan-92	2,000	5	-
31-Jan-92	4,000	10	-
2-Feb-92	1,650	5	-
4-Feb-92	4,000	10	-
5-Feb-92	4,000	10	-
6-Feb-92	4,000	10	-
10-Feb-92	4,000	10	-
11-Feb-92	4,000	10	-
12-Feb-92	4,000	10	-
12-Feb-92	4,000	10	-
14-Feb-92	4,000	10	-
14-Feb-92	4,000	10	-
14-Feb-92	4,000	10	-
15-Feb-92	4,000	10	-
24-Feb-92	4,000	10	-
26-Feb-92	4,000	10	-
26-Feb-92	4,000	10	-
28-Feb-92	4,000	10	-
28-Feb-92	4,000	10	-
28-Feb-92	4,000	10	-
6-Mar-92	4,000	10	-
10-Mar-92	4,000	10	-
11-Mar-92	4,000	10	-
12-Mar-92	4,000	10	-

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77PSL2-1: Impulse Data Results 11/91 - 12/92

18-Mar-92	4,000	10	-
23-Apr-92	2,000	5	-
2-May-92	2,000	5	-
5-May-92	2,000	5	-
6-May-92	2,000	5	-
14-Sep-92	2,000	5	-
22-Sep-92	4,000	10	-
30-Sep-92	4,000	10	-
7-Oct-92	4,000	10	-
7-Oct-92	4,000	10	-
16-Oct-92	4,000	10	-
21-Oct-92	2,000	5	-
20-Oct-92	4,000	10	-
29-Oct-92	4,000	10	-
29-Oct-92	4,000	10	-
30-Oct-92	4,000	10	-
4-Nov-92	4,000	10	-
10-Nov-92	4,000	10	-
10-Nov-92	4,000	10	-
11-Nov-92	4,000	10	-
17-Nov-92	2,000	5	-
20-Nov-92	4,000	10	-
4-Dec-92	2,000	5	-
9-Dec-92	2,000	5	-
14-Dec-92	2,000	5	-
16-Dec-92	4,000	10	-
16-Dec-92	4,000	10	-
16-Dec-92	4,000	10	-
21-Dec-92	2,000	5	-
21-Dec-92	4,000	10	-

Total units	245,489	648	-
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Fred, per our discussions and Rob Sharpe's visit enclosed is our updates...

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TI 77PS Test Synopsals

This document is a synopsis of tests conducted by Texas Instruments during the 77PS investigation. The intent of this document is to highlight test findings which drove the investigation to its current state. Throughout the investigation, several tests were conducted with the same objective. When each objective was met, efforts were refocused to obtain a new level of understanding and to establish a new set of objectives. As such, tests have been categorized into (5) levels, representing the level of knowledge obtained from the group of tests conducted. Each level is listed below with a short description of the objective:

- Level 1: Create a laboratory switch ignition without any restrictions on methods.
- Level 2: Create a laboratory switch ignition using only conditions found in the switch operating environment.
- Level 3: Understand the laboratory ignition mechanism.
- Level 4: Compare factors contributing to laboratory ignition.
- Level 5: Evaluate recommendations.

Refer to Brake Pressure Switch Test Log.

Level 1 Objective: Determine if a switch ignition can be created in the laboratory.

• **Test 1**

Objective: Determine if switch ignition can occur under the following laboratory conditions:

Switch contact cavity flooded with brake fluid mixed with varying amounts of % H₂O.
14 volts applied to one terminal, second terminal electrically floating.
(No electrical load across switch terminals).
Switch harness electrically grounded.

Results: (8) samples were tested total:
(2) with 4% H₂O in brake fluid.
(2) with 6% H₂O in brake fluid.
(2) with 10% H₂O in brake fluid.
(2) with 75% H₂O in brake fluid.

No ignition occurred. No significant temperature rise observed in all samples. Current draw ranged from 0.5 mAmps to 5 mAmps over a period greater than (250) hours.

• Test 2

Objective: Determine if switch ignition can occur under the following laboratory conditions:

Switch contact flooded with brake fluid.
14 volts applied to one terminal, second terminal connected to a 14 Ω resistor which is tied to ground. (1 Amp load across switch terminals).
Switch hexport electrically grounded.

Results: (2) samples were tested. No ignition occurred. No significant temperature rise observed for a period over (250) hours.

Conclusion: A (1) Amp load through switch terminals did not ignite brake fluid in the contact cavity of switches.

• Test 6

Objective: Determine if switch ignition can occur under the following laboratory conditions:

Heater element installed in contact cavity of the switch.
Power applied to the heater element until plastic base melts.
Spark generated in contact cavity of switch.
Brake fluid present in the contact cavity (wet device) and absent in the contact cavity (dry device).

Results: (2) dry devices were tested and (1) wet device was tested. Ignition occurred in all devices.

Wet device: The internal temperature of a wet device reached 660°F. A hole burned through the base of the switch (close to the heating element). The applied spark ignited the fumes in the contact cavity of the switch and engulfed the base material of the switch.

Dry device: The internal temperature of a dry switch reached over 1000°F. The switch base flopped over. The applied spark ignited the fumes in the contact cavity of the switch and engulfed the base material of the switch.

Conclusion: A switch ignition can occur under the following laboratory conditions:

Heater element installed in the switch contact cavity.
5 watts of power dissipated in heating element.
Spark generated in the contact cavity of the switch.

Brake fluid did not contribute to the ignition process.

Level 2: Objective: Determine if a laboratory ignition can occur using only switch components and elements found in the switch environment.

• **Test 6a**

Objective: Determine if corrosive degradation of switch electrical components can cause an increase in electrical resistance (and thus a source of heat) in the switch, which may lead to an ignition.

Results: (1) out of (15) samples tested increased resistance to 5 Ω s. A solution of 5 wt. % NaCl in H₂O can corrode the electrical components of the switch and cause an increase in electrical resistance. Repeated injections of the solution of 5 wt. % NaCl in H₂O into the contact cavity of a switch, with the switch continuously powered at 14 Volts, can cause an ignition.

Conclusion: A switch ignition can occur under the following laboratory conditions:

A solution of 5% NaCl in H₂O is injected into contact cavity of a switch.
Continuous 14 Volt power applied to the switch.
Hexpor: grounded.
Current is limited at 15 Amps.

• **Test 6c**

Objective: Determine if brake fluid with metal shavings is conductive enough to create an ignition.

Results: (3) devices with various size metal particles were tested. No significant current increase detected.

Conclusion: Metal shavings did not significantly increase conductivity brake fluid. Current levels measured were well below levels necessary to create an ignition.

• **Test 7**

Objective: Determine if switch meets cycle life specification.

Results: Tests conducted during the first quarter of 1999 show that switches exceed cycle life specification.

In the first quarter of 1999, a total of (42) 77PSL2-1 snap switches were impulse tested to over 1,000,000 cycles with only (1) leak below 1,000,000 cycles, which

occurred at 728,000 cycles. A Weibull analysis showed 99.9% reliability at 500,000 cycles at 95% confidence level.

Conclusions: Switches meet cycle life specification. First quarter, 1999 tests confirm impulse test findings made during the period between 1991 and 1992. During that period, (6) impulse tests on 144 devices of 57PS and 77PS construction, had no leaks when tested to 500,000 cycles. A Weibull analysis of first quarter, 1999 tests, showed 99.9% reliability at 500,000 cycles at 95% confidence level.

• Test 15a

Objective: Determine the long term corrosive effects of brake fluid on the electrical components of switches which are continuously powered at 14 Volts.

Results: Test was suspended after 550 hours of testing. (6) samples were tested with continuous 14 Volts power. The contact cavity of (4) switches contained new brake fluid and (2) switches contained old brake fluid. Switches with old brake fluid drew very little hexport current and showed a decrease in hexport current over time to less than 1/10 mAmp. Samples with new brake fluid showed an increase in hexport current to over 20 mAmps toward the end of the 550 hours of testing. Analysis of (1) sample with new brake fluid and (1) sample with old brake fluid revealed electrolytic corrosion of the contact arm of both switches. There was a much lower level of corrosion in the sample with used brake fluid than the sample with new brake fluid.

Conclusion: Brake fluid in the contact cavity of switches, which are at 14 Volts continuous power for over 500 hours, can cause electrolytic corrosion of the switch contact arm and an increase in hexport current.

• Test 17

Objective: Quantify the long term corrosive effects of new brake fluid on the electrical components of switches under the following laboratory conditions:

Contact cavity of switch flooded with new brake fluid.
Switches at continuous 14 Volts power.
Switches subjected to vibration for (1) hour per day.
Switches subjected to 100°C for (1) hour per day.

Results: Test suspended after (312) hours. (50) samples tested. The average hexport current draw after (312) hours is 1.9 mAmps with a standard deviation of 1.8 mAmps. These results are consistent with results previously found in Test 15a at the 300 hour point.

Conclusion: New brake fluid in the contact cavity of switches, has not caused an increase in hexport current after (312) hours at continuous 14 Volts power.

Level 3: Objective: Understand the laboratory ignition process, determine the current path and establish a repeatable ignition method.

• Test 6b

Objective: Understand the ignition process, determine the current path and establish a repeatable ignition method.

Results: Multiple attempts at laboratory ignition, via injection of a solution of 5 wt. % NaCl in H₂O into the contact cavity of switches, has resulted in a repeatability rate of approximately 50%. Plots of hexport current verses time show an increase in current until the point of ignition.

Conclusion: A repeatable laboratory method for switch ignition was established. Based on hexport current measurements, the current path is from switch terminals to hexport body. When a solution of 5 wt. % NaCl in H₂O is repeatedly injected into the contact cavity of powered switches, electrolytic corrosion of the switch terminal results in an increase in terminal resistance. When sufficient power is drawn through the corrosive resistance, switch elements heat up and begin to glow red hot. A hole burns through the switch base and ignition occurs. There is arcing visible throughout the corrosion process which may provide the spark necessary for ignition.

Level 4: Objective: Compare and contrast variables influencing ignition using the established laboratory ignition method.

• Test 13a

Objective: Compare various fluids in the established ignition method.

Results: The following fluids were tested.

- (1) NaCl in H₂O.
- (1) tap water
- (1) rain water
- (1) used brake fluid
- (1) used brake fluid with 5 wt. % H₂O
- (1) new brake fluid
- (1) new brake fluid with 5 wt. % H₂O

The switch filled with 5 wt. % NaCl in H₂O resulted in an ignition when average hexport current exceeded 2.5 Amps. Switches that were filled with tap water and rain water drew less than 10 mAmps over a (3) hour test and showed little signs of

corrosion. Switches filled with a matrix of new and used brake fluids, with water and without water, all drew less than 3 mAmps hexport current draw and showed no signs of corrosion over the (24) hour test.

Conclusion: Brake fluid is not conductive enough to cause the electrolytic corrosion and necessary current draw to create an ignition within a 3 hour lab test. Because of its' significantly higher conductivity, an ionic rich fluid such as NaCl in H₂O can cause an ignition in a 3 hour lab test exposure..

- Test 15

Objective: Compare the ignition characteristics of various plastics as switch base material.

Results: When 5 wt. % NaCl in H₂O was injected into switches with different base materials, the following results were obtained: Cellanex 4300 ignited 3 out of 5 attempts. Noryl ignited 2 out of 5 attempts. Zytel ignited 1 out of 5 attempts.

Conclusions: All plastics tested can ignite using the established laboratory ignition method.

- Test 15b

Objective: Determine if switch ignition can occur in the vertical position and 45° orientation. Determine if switch ignition can occur and at different rotational angles in the 45° orientation.

Results: Switch ignitions can occur in both the vertical and 45° orientation using the established laboratory ignition method.

Conclusion: Switch ignition does not appear to be sensitive to vertical orientation verses 45° orientation nor to rotational angle in the 45° orientation.

Level 5 Objective:

Test 16

- Objective: Test proposed relay circuit.

Results: (1) switch was injected with a solution of 5 wt. % NaCl in H₂O and placed in the proposed current limiting circuit for (48) hours. The current draw remained constant at 180 mAmps throughout the test. There was no activity observed and the contact arm remained mostly intact.

(1) switch was brought to an impending burn condition using the established burn method. An impending burn is a condition where a corrosive resistance has built

up in the switch and an ignition is imminent. The switch was then placed in the proposed relay circuit for (18) hours where it drew 160 mAmps, showed no visible activity and did not result in an ignition.

Because the proposed relay circuit acts as a resistor which limits current to the switch, the maximum power to the switch is limited to .75 Watts. A resistive wire was wrapped around the base of (1) switch and 0.75 Watts of power was dissipated in the wire. The wire became warm to the touch but had no effect on the switch.

Conclusion: 0.75 Watts, the maximum power in the proposed circuit design, is insufficient to cause substantial electrolytic corrosion or significant switch terminal heating, which is necessary to create an ignition. In previous tests, using a resistor as the heating element (see Test 6), approximately 3 Watts of power was necessary to create an ignition.

Brake Pressure Switch Test Log, Updated 7/12/09

Category	Test	Location	Test Parameters	Results Update
Lab Simulation of Potential Ignition in Switch	1	TI	Very water concentrations in 'new' Brake Fluid 14Vdc to one terminal, hezport grounded Water Conc: 4%, 6%, 10%, 75%	250+ hours. Current draw in the 0.5mA to 5mA range Fluid has discolored. No Significant Temperature Rise. Test Suspended. Internal Analysis suspended.
	2	TI	'New' Brake Fluid 1 Amp through switch terminals 14Vdc to one terminal, hezport grounded	250+ hours. Constant temperature. No significant temperature rise with time Test Suspended.
	3	AVT	'new' Brake Fluid in Switch, 24 VDC to one terminal. Hezport Grounded	> 300 hours into test, max current 7mA No significant change with time. Test suspended.
	4	AVT	'new' Brake Fluid in Switch, 24 VDC to one terminal. Hezport Grounded, Ambient at 100 C	15 hours into test max current 5mA No significant temperature rise with time. Test suspended.
	5	AVT	'new' Brake Fluid in Switch, 16 Amps Through switch terminals	Temperature rise of 20 C above room temp Delta T reached steady state at 20 C. Test suspended.
	5a	AVT	'new' Brake Fluid in Switch approx. 30 Amps through Switch Terminals	Temperature rose to approx. 270 F. No smoke. No ignition Test suspended.
	6	TI	Build heater elements into Switch. Heat till failure. Include spitting (1) wt solution of Brake Fluid and 6 wt. % H ₂ O	3 tested. Smoke observed, Ignition observed on part w/ water See attachment Test complete Brake fluid in cavity slows down heat build-up Smoke observed at 675 F, these melts and falls off at 600 F
	6a	TI	Create heater by coining spring arm Salt water solution, 14V between spring and hezport	One out of 15 devices increased resistance to 5 ohms. Others either very low resistance or megohms It took about 100 hours to reach the 5 ohm stage. The 5 ohm device ignited under conditions similar to test 6.
	6b	TI	Re-run ignition test to understand repeatability and current path.	Switch ignition with repeated 5% water solution into switch Current path is through hezport. See photo and video.
	6c	TI	Pure 'new' brake fluid with metal shavings	Additional test include tap water, old BF, new BF and other. Metal shavings do not contribute significantly to brake fluid

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Brake Pressure Switch Test Log, Updated 7/12/99

				conductivity
Life Cycle Reliability of Pressure Switch	7	TI	0-1400 psig pressure pulses at 135C per ES	First leak observed at 728,000 cycles. Test Completed. See attached Weibull Chart.
Diaphragm Wear	8	TI	0-1400 psig pressure pulses at 135C.	Parts withdrawn every 200k cycles, characterized for wear
Field vs Lab Correlation	9	Central Labs	Field returns, some dealer lots, junkyards	Parts in Central Labs, see Ford spreadsheet
Design Of Experiments (1)	10	TI	Very water contamination in 'new' Brake Fluid	Test Report being written investigation continues.
Evaluating Factors			12 snap + 12 quiet switches w/ 0 % water in BF	Suspended at 1.3 million cycles with no leaks observed.
Evaluating Diaphragm Wear			12 snap + 12 quiet switches w/ 5 % water in BF	Snap samples suspended at 1.3 million cycles with 2 leaks observed at 1.3M. Quiet samples suspended at 500k cycles to assess leakage anomalies.
Impulse test				
On-Vehicle Characterization of Pressure & Temperature Profile in Town Car	11	AVT	Monitor Pressure and Temperature at Switch Location for ABS and non-ABS braking events.	Test at AVT....see Ford chart...>500k in car?
Brake fluid analysis	11a	TI	Analyze used brake fluid at the master cylinder (M/C), used brake fluid at the caliper (LCA) and new brake fluid (NEW) for metal and water content.	Test complete. M/C: Cu = 415 (ug/ml), Fe = 5.5 (ug/ml), Cr = 0.05 (ug/ml), 1.1 %H2O LCA: Cu = 502 (ug/ml), Fe = 5.5 (ug/ml), Cr = 1.9 (ug/ml), 1.1 %H2O NEW: Cu = <0.01 (ug/ml), Fe = 0.55 (ug/ml), Cr = <0.01 (ug/ml), 0.3 %H2O
Used fluid at master cylinder.				
Spark Arc Study	12	Central Labs	Determine if arcing occurs in switch using clutch loads and high speed video. Use dry switches as well as switches with various brake fluid water mixes.	Equipment set up in progress at Central Labs. TI Experimented with no 'significant' sparks observed
Characterization of switches retrieved from field junkyards & other sources	13	Central Labs	Characterize electrical, mechanical and chemical aspects of returned switches	Data log and analysis procedure set up complete. Analysis of switches in progress.
Fluid Ingress Tests	13a	TI	Repeat Ignition simulation with different fluids.	Test complete.
			(20 hour tests)	5% NaCl samples resulted in an ignition.
			5% NaCl in tap water	All brake fluid samples drew less than 3 mAmps. No corrosion visible on brake fluid samples.
			rain water	Rain water and tap water samples drew <10 mAmps and showed some signs of corrosion.
			(24 hour tests)	Chemical analysis in process.
			tap water	
			used brake fluid	

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			used brake fluid w/ 5% H ₂ O	
			new brake fluid	
			new brake fluid w/ 5% H ₂ O	
Design Of Experiments (2) Repeat of test 10	13b	TI	Very water concentrations in 'new' Brake Fluid 10 amp + 20 quiet switches w/ 0 % water in BF 10 amp + 20 quiet switches w/ 5 % water in BF	Test suspended. Analysis in process to assess test integrity.
Compatibility of Kapton with Oxalic Acid	14	Dispost	Characterize change in properties of Kapton with various % oxalic acid in brake fluid.	Test in progress (100) hours completed. Oxalic acid shows similar effects that water has on Kapton properties.
Evaluation of Plastic Materials with Improved Performance	16	TI	Assess properties and moldability of different grades of plastic resin with additives to improve plastic part performance	Test suspended. Celcon and Noryl ignited 3/5 and 2/5 trials ZYTEL samples tested 1/5 ignitions
Long duration brake fluid ingress test	16a	TI	(4) samples with new brake fluid (2) samples with used brake fluid	Test suspended (800) hours completed. Used brake fluid current dropped off to <1/10 mAmp. New BF testport current can increase w/ time under cond. power.
Evaluation of Switch Orientation	15b	TI	Assess ignition sensitivity to switch orientation. Test vertical versus 45 degree. Test rotational sensitivity in 45 deg. orientation.	Test complete. Ignition is independent of switch orientation. Ignited switch ignition can occur in vertical or 45 degree angle. Ignition appears not sensitive to switch rotational alignment.
Relay Circuit Test	16	TI	Repeat test 13a in Ford relay circuit for (48) hrs. Bring switch to impending ignition in (15) Amp circuit then place in relay circuit for (18) hrs. Input max. circuit power into heater on switch.	Test complete. No ignition. Corrosion rate drastically reduced. Insufficient power in circuit to create or move toward ignition in lab. Heater element was warm to the touch.
Long duration brake fluid ingress test number 2.	17	TI	(50) samples filled with new brake fluid (1) hour of vibration per day (1) hour soak at 100 deg C per day	Test suspended. (312) hours completed. Average testport current is 1.9 mAmp (stddeviation = 1.8 mAmp)

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preliminary draft summary of TI record search findings of May 14-17 1999

summary by Steve Beringhouse & Andy McClark May 19th 1999

TI P/N: 77PBL2-1

Ford P/N: F2VC-9P924-AB

Tested at 'room temp' per manufacturing ES requirements

Date	Lot Size	Qty Impulse Tested	Qty Leak
26-Nov-91	4,000	10	-
26-Nov-91	4,000	10	-
5-Dec-91	4,000	10	-
5-Dec-91	4,000	10	-
9-Dec-91	4,000	10	-
9-Dec-91	2,000	5	-
11-Dec-91	4,000	10	-
11-Dec-91	4,000	10	-
13-Dec-91	4,000	10	-
14-Dec-91	4,000	10	-
16-Dec-91	4,000	10	-
16-Dec-91	4,000	10	-
2-Jan-92	4,000	10	-
6-Jan-92	4,000	10	-
7-Jan-92	2,000	5	-
8-Jan-92	4,000	10	-
8-Jan-92	4,000	10	-
14-Jan-92	4,000	10	-
14-Jan-92	4,000	10	-
15-Jan-92	4,000	10	-
28-Jan-92	2,000	5	-
31-Jan-92	4,000	10	-
2-Feb-92	1,650	5	-
4-Feb-92	4,000	10	-
5-Feb-92	4,000	10	-
6-Feb-92	4,000	10	-
10-Feb-92	4,000	10	-
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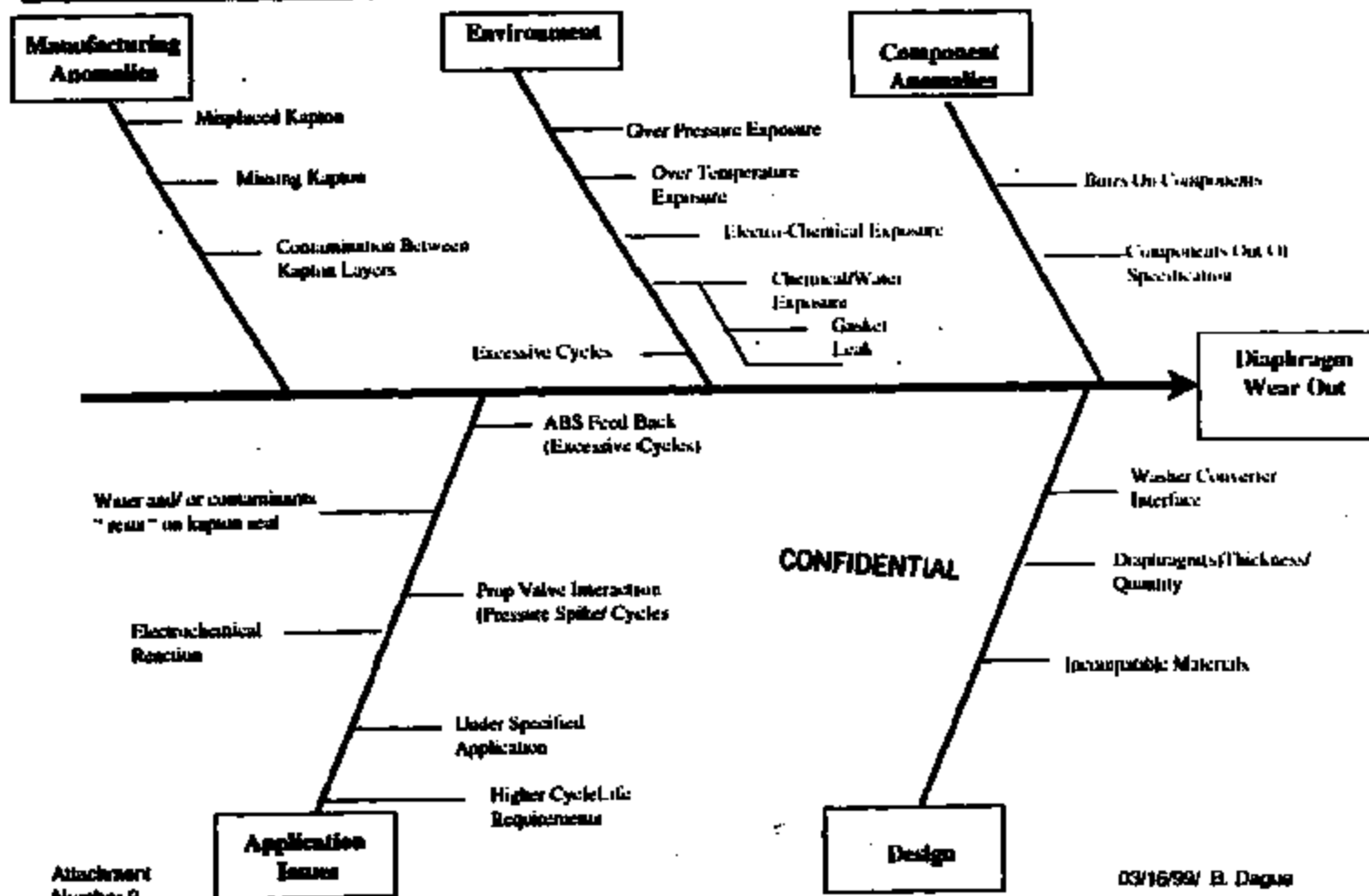
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10-Nov-92	4,000	10	-
10-Nov-92	4,000	10	-
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17-Nov-92	2,000	5	-
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16-Dec-92	4,000	10	-
21-Dec-92	2,000	5	-
21-Dec-92	4,000	10	-

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TI P/N 77PSL Series
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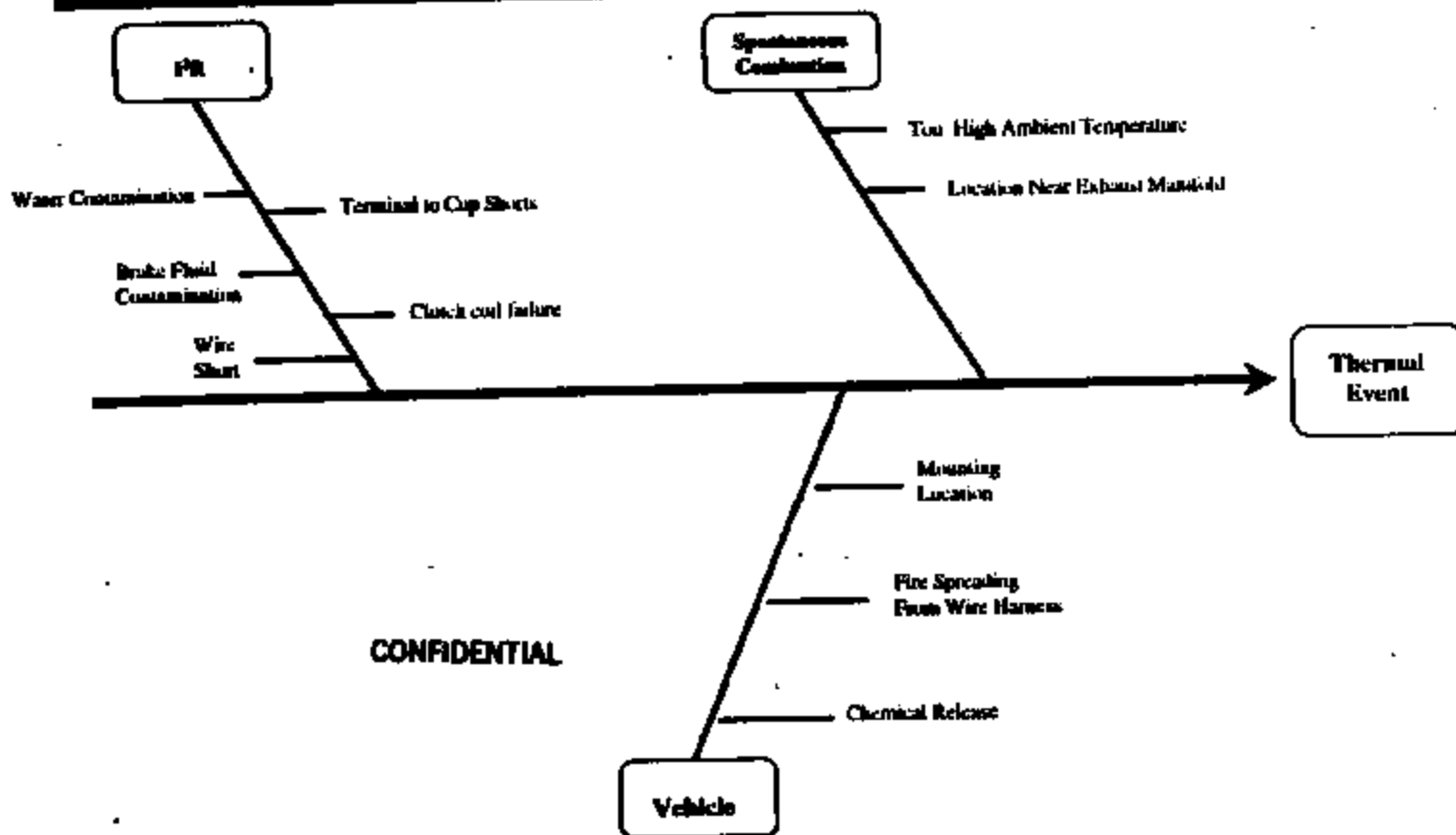
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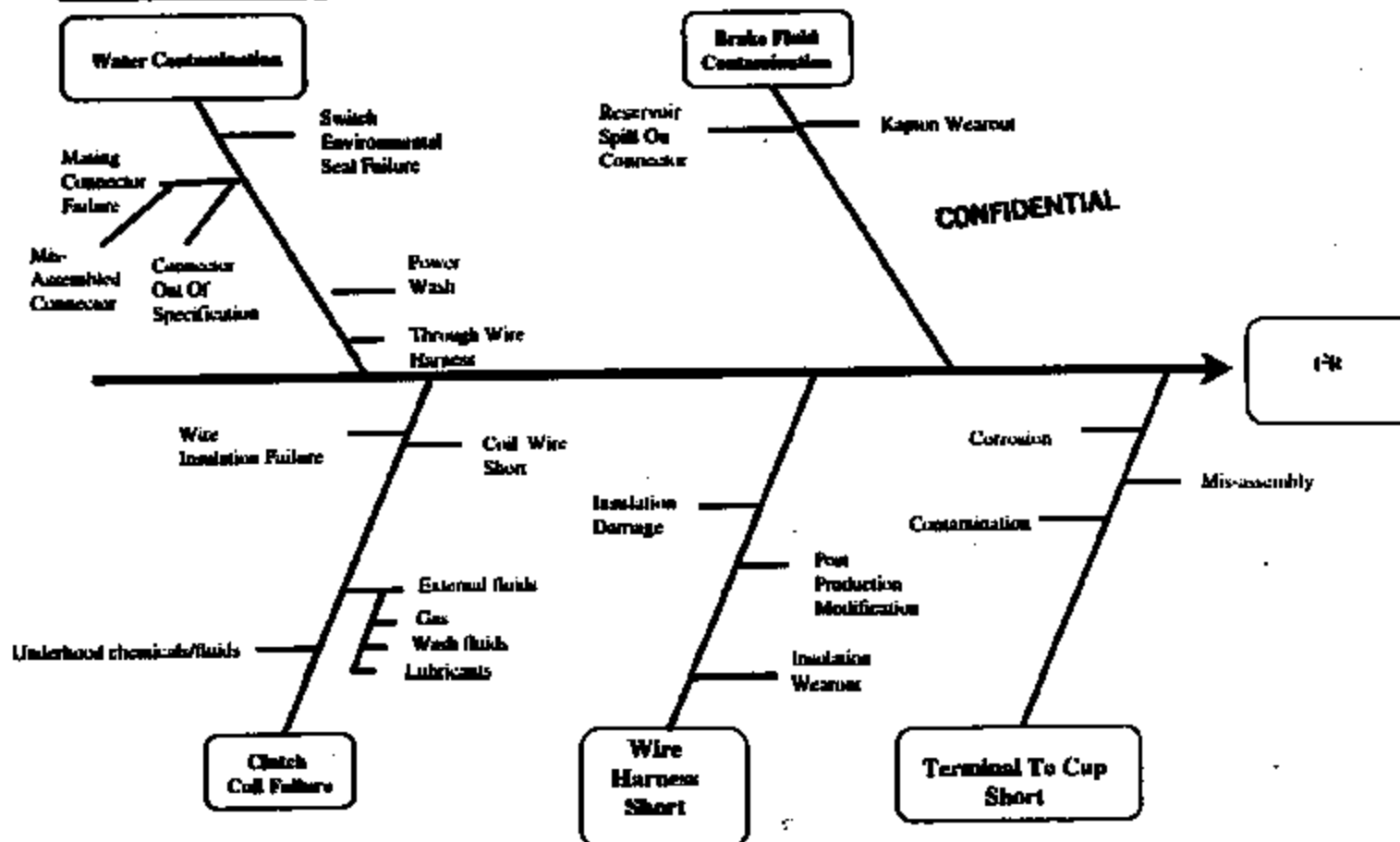


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Ford Electronic Speed Control Deactivation Pressure Switch
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From: McGuirk, Andy
Sent: Friday, May 28, 1999 4:15 PM
To: Baumann, Russ
Subject: FW: Ford Core team update

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Cc: Beringhouse, Steven; Sharpe, Robert
Subject: Ford Core team update

Fred, per our discussions and Rob Sharpe's visit enclosed is our updates...



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May 26, 1999

Mr. Frederick J. Porter, Supervisor
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Dear Fred:

I want to review our recent support of the Ford core team to assure we do not have any misunderstandings regarding our pressure switch performance, our continued contribution to the 'core' team, and our commitment to a quick conclusion.

For six months the Texas Instruments Automotive Sensors & Controls Team has been supporting the Ford Core Diagnostic Team with technical facts, data, and analysis regarding our brake pressure switch product applied in the Ford cruise control deactivation circuit.

A senior TI pressure switch engineer was in residence at Ford for three weeks to assist with switch related issues in the system diagnostic process. Senior TI leadership participation has also been involved in virtually every Ford Core Team meeting delivering facts, data, and technical support year-to-date '99.

We also investigated switch capability, and using agreed upon accelerated simulation life testing techniques, demonstrated the ability of the model year '92 & '93, Town Car speed control deactivation switches to consistently exceed "cycle life specification" of 500,000 pressure cycles. TI Weibull reports of pressure switches tested in 1999 conservatively demonstrate 95% reliability to 1 million cycles (with confidence intervals greater than 50%).

Additionally "success testing records" of some 665 ES units that were tested during the 1991 - 1992 (11/91 - 12/92) showed zero leakage at 500,000 cycles.

Conclusion to date: 1992 period switches met specification. 1999 switch meets or exceeds specification

We have developed and delivered a laboratory model of accelerated plastic base ignition of the switch resulting from fluid in the switch cavity coupled with application of constant power as designed in the speed control circuit. Theories from the model suggest that fluids in the switch cavity in the presence of uninterrupted power could lead to a corrosion product formation which might create a plastic base ignition path.

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Conclusion to date: Constant speed control power allows long term corrosion

In light of this laboratory model and the need for cruise system power only during vehicle operation, we suggest the system architecture of "key-on/off" based power be considered.

We have been open and forthright in our communications and delivery of information and we believe we have been instrumental in helping Ford address the underhood fire concern issue.

In this regard, we think it is appropriate at this point that our active participation in the diagnostic journey of the vintage 1992 product move towards a timely conclusion. Toward this end, we will continue to support the "core" team review of 1992 product history with targeted completion in July 1999.

We are preparing to fulfill your request for hosting a site visit, supporting campaign field return device analysis, and participating in robust system brainstorming sessions moving toward conclusion in July, as well as reviewing the optimization of our product line process controls.

Our prime focus at this time is in rapidly supplying Ford with 225,000 units in support of the field actions.

Regards,

Andrew C. McGuirk
QRA Manager
Texas Instruments

attachments: 1992 Testing History
TI 77PS Test synopsis
TI 77PS Investigation Flow Diagram

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TI 77PS Test Synopsis

This document is a synopsis of tests conducted by Texas Instruments during the 77PS investigation. The intent of this document is to highlight test findings which drove the investigation to its current state. Throughout the investigation, several tests were conducted with the same objective. When each objective was met, efforts were refocused to obtain a new level of understanding and to establish a new set of objectives. As such, tests have been categorized into (5) levels, representing the level of knowledge obtained from the group of tests conducted. Each level is listed below with a short description of the objective:

- Level 1: Create a laboratory switch ignition without any restrictions on methods.
- Level 2: Create a laboratory switch ignition using only conditions found in the switch operating environment.
- Level 3: Understand the laboratory ignition mechanism.
- Level 4: Compare factors contributing to laboratory ignition.
- Level 5: Evaluate recommendations.

Refer to Brake Pressure Switch Test Log.

Level 1 Objective: Determine if a switch ignition can be created in the laboratory.

- **Test 1**

Objective: Determine if switch ignition can occur under the following laboratory conditions:

Switch contact cavity flooded with brake fluid mixed with varying amounts of % H₂O.
14 volts applied to one terminal, second terminal electrically floating.
(No electrical load across switch terminals).
Switch harness electrically grounded.

Results:

- (8) samples were tested total:
- (2) with 4% H₂O in brake fluid.
- (2) with 6% H₂O in brake fluid.
- (2) with 10% H₂O in brake fluid.
- (2) with 75% H₂O in brake fluid.

No ignition occurred. No significant temperature rise observed in all samples. Current draw ranged from 0.5 mAmps to 5 mAmps over a period greater than (250) hours.

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▪ Test 2

Objective: Determine if switch ignition can occur under the following laboratory conditions:

Switch contact flooded with brake fluid.
14 volts applied to one terminal, second terminal connected to a 14 Ω resistor which is tied to ground. (1 Amp load across switch terminals).
Switch hexport electrically grounded.

Results: (2) samples were tested. No ignition occurred. No significant temperature rise observed for a period over (250) hours.

Conclusion: A (1) Amp load through switch terminals did not ignite brake fluid in the contact cavity of switches.

▪ Test 6

Objective: Determine if switch ignition can occur under the following laboratory conditions:

Heater element installed in contact cavity of the switch.
Power applied to the heater element until plastic base melts.
Spark generated in contact cavity of switch.
Brake fluid present in the contact cavity (wet device) and absent in the contact cavity (dry device).

Results: (2) dry devices were tested and (1) wet device was tested. Ignition occurred in all devices.

Wet device: The internal temperature of a wet device reached 660°F. A hole burned through the base of the switch (close to the heating element). The applied spark ignited the fumes in the contact cavity of the switch and engulfed the base material of the switch.

Dry device: The internal temperature of a dry switch reached over 1000°F. The switch base flopped over. The applied spark ignited the fumes in the contact cavity of the switch and engulfed the base material of the switch.

Conclusion: A switch ignition can occur under the following laboratory conditions:

Heater element installed in the switch contact cavity.
5 watts of power dissipated in heating element.
Spark generated in the contact cavity of the switch.

Brake fluid did not contribute to the ignition process.

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Level 2: Objective: Determine if a laboratory ignition can occur using only switch components and elements found in the switch environment.

- **Test 6a**

Objective: Determine if corrosive degradation of switch electrical components can cause an increase in electrical resistance (and thus a source of heat) in the switch, which may lead to an ignition.

Results: (1) out of (15) samples tested increased resistance to 5 Ω s. A solution of 5 wt. % NaCl in H₂O can corrode the electrical components of the switch and cause an increase in electrical resistance. Repeated injections of the solution of 5 wt. % NaCl in H₂O into the contact cavity of a switch, with the switch continuously powered at 14 Volts, can cause an ignition.

Conclusion: A switch ignition can occur under the following laboratory conditions:

A solution of 5% NaCl in H₂O is injected into contact cavity of a switch.
Continuous 14 Volt power applied to the switch.
Hexport is grounded.
Current is limited at 15 Amps.

- **Test 6c**

Objective: Determine if brake fluid with metal shavings is conductive enough to create an ignition.

Results: (3) devices with various size metal particles were tested. No significant current increase detected.

Conclusion: Metal shavings did not significantly increase conductivity brake fluid. Current levels measured were well below levels necessary to create an ignition.

- **Test 7**

Objective: Determine if switch meets cycle life specification.

Results: Tests conducted during the first quarter of 1999 show that switches exceed cycle life specification.

In the first quarter of 1999, a total of (42) 77PSL2-1 snap switches were impulse tested to over 1,000,000 cycles with only (1) leak below 1,000,000 cycles, which

occurred at 728,000 cycles. A Weibull analysis showed 99.9% reliability at 500,000 cycles at 95% confidence level.

Conclusions: Switches meet cycle life specification. First quarter, 1999 tests confirm impulse test findings made during the period between 1991 and 1992. During that period, (6) impulse tests on 144 devices of 57PS and 77PS construction, had no leaks when tested to 500,000 cycles. A Weibull analysis of first quarter, 1999 tests, showed 99.9% reliability at 500,000 cycles at 95% confidence level.

- **Test 15a**

Objective: Determine the long term corrosive effects of brake fluid on the electrical components of switches which are continuously powered at 14 Volts.

Results: Test was suspended after 550 hours of testing. (6) samples were tested with continuous 14 Volts power. The contact cavity of (4) switches contained new brake fluid and (2) switches contained old brake fluid. Switches with old brake fluid drew very little hexport current and showed a decrease in hexport current over time to less than 1/10 mAmp. Samples with new brake fluid showed an increase in hexport current to over 20 mAmps toward the end of the 550 hours of testing. Analyses of (1) sample with new brake fluid and (1) sample with old brake fluid revealed electrolytic corrosion of the contact arm of both switches. There was a much lower level of corrosion in the sample with used brake fluid than the sample with new brake fluid.

Conclusion: Brake fluid in the contact cavity of switches, which are at 14 Volts continuous power for over 500 hours, can cause electrolytic corrosion of the switch contact arm and an increase in hexport current.

- **Test 17**

Objective: Quantify the long term corrosive effects of new brake fluid on the electrical components of switches under the following laboratory conditions:

- Contact cavity of switch flooded with new brake fluid.
- Switches at continuous 14 Volts power.
- Switches subjected to vibration for (1) hour per day.
- Switches subjected to 100°C for (1) hour per day.

Results: Test suspended after (312) hours. (50) samples tested. The average hexport current draw after (312) hours is 1.9 mAmps with a standard deviation of 1.8 mAmps. These results are consistent with results previously found in Test 15a at the 300 hour point.

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Conclusion: New brake fluid in the contact cavity of switches, has not caused an increase in hexport current after (312) hours at continuous 14 Volts power.

Level 3: Objective: Understand the laboratory ignition process, determine the current path and establish a repeatable ignition method.

- Test 6b

Objective: Understand the ignition process, determine the current path and establish a repeatable ignition method.

Results: Multiple attempts at laboratory ignition, via injection of a solution of 5 wt. % NaCl in H₂O into the contact cavity of switches, has resulted in a repeatability rate of approximately 50%. Plots of hexport current verses time show an increase in current until the point of ignition.

Conclusion: A repeatable laboratory method for switch ignition was established. Based on hexport current measurements, the current path is from switch terminals to hexport body.

When a solution of 5 wt. % NaCl in H₂O is repeatedly injected into the contact cavity of powered switches, electrolytic corrosion of the switch terminal results in an increase in terminal resistance. When sufficient power is drawn through the corrosive resistance, switch elements heat up and begin to glow red hot. A hole burns through the switch base and ignition occurs. There is arcing visible throughout the corrosion process which may provide the spark necessary for ignition.

Level 4: Objective: Compare and contrast variables influencing ignition using the established laboratory ignition method.

- Test 13a

Objective: Compare various fluids in the established ignition method.

Results: The following fluids were tested.

(1) NaCl in H₂O.

(1) tap water

(1) rain water

(1) used brake fluid

(1) used brake fluid with 5 wt. % H₂O

(1) new brake fluid

(1) new brake fluid with 5 wt. % H₂O

The switch filled with 5 wt. % NaCl in H₂O resulted in an ignition when average hexport current exceeded 2.5 Amps. Switches that were filled with tap water and rain water drew less than 10 mAmps over a (3) hour test and showed little signs of

corrosion. Switches filled with a matrix of new and used brake fluids, with water and without water, all drew less than 3 mAmps hexport current draw and showed no signs of corrosion over the (24) hour test.

Conclusion: Brake fluid is not conductive enough to cause the electrolytic corrosion and necessary current draw to create an ignition within a 3 hour lab test. Because of its' significantly higher conductivity, an ionic rich fluid such as NaCl in H₂O can cause an ignition in a 3 hour lab test exposure..

- Test 15

Objective: Compare the ignition characteristics of various plastics as switch base material.

Results: When 5 wt. % NaCl in H₂O was injected into switches with different base materials, the following results were obtained: Cellanex 4300 ignited 3 out of 5 attempts. Noryl ignited 2 out of 5 attempts. Zytel ignited 1 out of 5 attempts.

Conclusions: All plastics tested can ignite using the established laboratory ignition method.

- Test 15b

Objective: Determine if switch ignition can occur in the vertical position and 45° orientation. Determine if switch ignition can occur and at different rotational angles in the 45° orientation.

Results: Switch ignitions can occur in both the vertical and 45° orientation using the established laboratory ignition method.

Conclusion: Switch ignition does not appear to be sensitive to vertical orientation verses 45° orientation nor to rotational angle in the 45° orientation.

Level 5 Objective:

Test 16

- Objective: Test proposed relay circuit.

Results: (1) switch was injected with a solution of 5 wt. % NaCl in H₂O and placed in the proposed current limiting circuit for (48) hours. The current draw remained constant at 180 mAmps throughout the test. There was no activity observed and the contact arm remained mostly intact.

(1) switch was brought to an impending burn condition using the established burn method. An impending burn is a condition where a corrosive resistance has built

up in the switch and an ignition is imminent. The switch was then placed in the proposed relay circuit for (18) hours where it drew 160 mAmps, showed no visible activity and did not result in an ignition.

Because the proposed relay circuit acts as a resistor which limits current to the switch, the maximum power to the switch is limited to .75 Watts. A resistive wire was wrapped around the base of (1) switch and 0.75 Watts of power was dissipated in the wire. The wire became warm to the touch but had no effect on the switch.

Conclusion: 0.75 Watts, the maximum power in the proposed circuit design, is insufficient to cause substantial electrolytic corrosion or significant switch terminal heating, which is necessary to create an ignition. In previous tests, using a resistor as the heating element (see Test 6), approximately 5 Watts of power was necessary to create an ignition.

Brake Pressure Switch Test Log, Updated 06/24/1999

Category	Test	Location	Test Parameters	Results Update
Lab Simulation of Potential Ignition in Switch	1	TI	Very water concentrations in 'new' Brake Fluid 14Vdc to one terminal, hexport grounded Water Conc: 4%, 6%, 10%, 75%	250+ hours, Current draw in the 0.5mA to 6mA range Fluid has discolored. No Significant Temperature Rise. Test Suspended. Internal Analysis suspended.
	2	TI	New Brake Fluid 1 Amp through switch terminals 14Vdc to one terminal, hexport grounded	250+ hours, Constant temperature. No significant temperature rise with time Test Suspended.
	3	AVT	'new' Brake Fluid in Switch, 24 VDC to one terminal. Hexport Grounded	> 300 hours into test, max current 7mA No significant change with time. Test suspended
	4	AVT	'new' Brake Fluid in Switch, 24 VDC to one terminal. Hexport Grounded, Ambient at 100 C	16 hours into test max current 5mA No significant temperature rise with time. Test suspended.
	5	AVT	'new' Brake Fluid in Switch, 18 Amps Through switch terminals	Temperature rise of 20 C above room temp Delta T reached steady state at 20 C. Test suspended.
	5a	AVT	'new' Brake Fluid in Switch approx. 50 Amps through Switch Terminals	Temperature rose to approx. 270 F. No smoke. No ignition Test suspended.
	6	TI	Build heater elements into Switch. Heat oil failure, include sparking. (1) w/ solution of Brake Fluid and 8 wt. % H ₂ O	3 tested. Smoke observed, ignition observed on part w/heater See attachment Test complete Brake fluid in cavity slows down heat build-up Smoke observed at 675 F, Base melts and falls off at 800 F
	6a	TI	Create heater by corroding spring arm Salt water solution, 14V between spring and hexport	One out of 15 devices increased resistance to 5 ohms. Others either very low resistance or megohms It took about 100 hours to reach the 5 ohm stage. The 5 ohm device ignited under conditions similar to test 6.
	6b	TI	Re-run ignition test to understand repeatability and current path.	Switch ignition with repeated 5% water solution into switch Current path is through hexport. See plots and video.
	6c	TI	Pure 'new' brake fluid with metal shavings	Additional test includes tap water, old BF, new BF and other. Metal shavings do not contribute significantly to brake fluid

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Life Cycle Reliability of Pressure Switch	7	TI	0-1400 psi pressure pulses at 135C per ES	conductivity
Diaphragm Wear	8	TI	0-1400 psi pressure pulses at 135C	First leak observed at 728,000 cycles. Test Completed. See attached Weibull Chart.
Field vs Lab Correlation	9	Central Labs	Field returns, from dealer lots, junkyards	Parts withdrawn every 200k cycles, characterized for wear
Design Of Experiments (1) Evaluating Factors	10	TI	Vary water concentrations in 'new' Brake Fluid 12 snap + 12 quiet switches w/ 0 % water in BF 12 snap + 12 quiet switches w/ 5 % water in BF	Parts in Central Labs, see Ford spreadsheet Test Report being written investigation continues. Suspended at 1.3 million cycles with no leaks observed. Snap samples suspended at 1.3 million cycles with 2 leaks observed at 1.3M. Quiet samples suspended at 500k cycles to assess fixturing anomalies.
Effecting Diaphragm Wear Impulse test				
On-Vehicle Characterization of Pressure & Temperature Profile in Town Car	11	AVT	Monitor Pressure and Temperature at Switch Location for ABS and non-ABS braking events.	Test at AVT....see Ford charts...>500k in car?
Brake fluid analysis	11a	TI	Analyze used brake fluid at the master cylinder (UMC), used brake fluid at the caliper (UCA) and new brake fluid (NEW) for metal and water content.	Test complete. UMC: Cu = 415 (ug/ml), Fe = 5.6 (ug/ml), Cr = 0.08 (ug/ml), 1.1 %H ₂ O. UCA: Cu = 982 (ug/ml), Fe = 5.5 (ug/ml), Cr = 1.8 (ug/ml), 1.1 %H ₂ O. NEW: Cu = <0.01 (ug/ml), Fe = 0.02 (ug/ml), Cr = <0.01 (ug/ml), 0.3 %H ₂ O.
Head fluid at master cylinder.				
Spark /Arc Study	12	Central Labs	Determine if arc/spark forms in switch using clutch loads and high speed video. Use dry switches as well as switches with various brake fluid water ratios.	Equipment set-up in progress at Central Labs. TI Experimented with no 'significant' sparks observed
Characterization of switches retrieved from field junkyards & other sources	13	Central Labs	Characterize electrical, mechanical and chemical aspects of returned switches	Date log and analysis procedure set up complete. Analysis of switches in progress.
Fluid Ingress Tests	13a	TI	Repeat ignition simulation with different fluids. (3) hour tests: 5% NaCl in tap water rain water (24) hour tests: tap water used brake fluid	Test complete. 5% NaCl sample resulted in an ignition. All brake fluid samples draw less than 3 mAmps. No corrosion visible on brake fluid samples. Rain water and tap water samples draw <10 mAmps and showed some signs of corrosion. Chemical analysis in process.

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Brake Pressure Switch Test Log, Updated 06/24/1999

			used brake fluid w/ 5% H ₂ O	
			new brake fluid	
			new brake fluid w/ 5% H ₂ O	
Design Of Experiments (2)	13b	T1	Very water concentrations in 'new' Brake Fluid	Test suspended. Analysis in process to assess test fixturing.
Repeat of test 10			10 snap + 20 quiet switches w/ 0 % water in BF	
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Compatibility of Kapton with Oxalic Acid	14	Dupont	Characterize change in properties of Kapton with various % oxalic acid in brake fluid.	Test in progress (100) hours completed. Oxalic acid shows similar effects that water has on Kapton properties.
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Evaluation of Switch Orientation	15b	T1	Assess ignition sensitivity to switch orientation. Test vertical versus 45 degree. Test rotational sensitivity in 45 deg. orientation.	Test complete. Ignition is independent of switch orientation. simulated switch ignition can occur in vertical or 45 degree angle. Ignition appears not sensitive to switch rotational alignment.
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Long duration brake fluid ingress test number 2.	17	T1	(50) samples filled with new brake fluid (1) hour of vibration per day (1) hour soak at 160 deg C per day	Test suspended. (312) hours completed. Average hasport current is 1.9 mAmp (stddeviation = 1.8 mAmps)

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preliminary draft summary of TI record search findings of May 14-17 1999

summary by Steve Beringhouse & Andy McGuirk May 19th 1999

TI P/N: 77PSL2-1

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Tested at 'room temp' per manufacturing ES requirements

Date	Lot Size	Qty Impulse Tested	Qty Leak
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Totals units	265,658	665	-
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Fred, per our discussions and Rob Sharpe's visit enclosed is our updates...

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May 26, 1999

Mr. Frederick J. Porter, Supervisor
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Dear Fred:

I want to review our recent support of the Ford core team to assure we do not have any misunderstandings regarding our pressure switch performance, our continued contribution to the 'core' team, and our commitment to a quick conclusion.

For six months the Texas Instruments Automotive Sensors & Controls Team has been supporting the Ford Core Diagnostic Team with technical facts, data, and analysis regarding our brake pressure switch product applied in the Ford cruise control deactivation circuit.

A senior TI pressure switch engineer was in residence at Ford for three weeks to assist with switch related issues in the system diagnostic process. Senior TI leadership participation has also been involved in virtually every Ford Core Team meeting delivering facts, data, and technical support year-to-date '99.

We also investigated switch capability, and using agreed upon accelerated simulation life testing techniques, demonstrated the ability of the model year '92 & '93, Town Car speed control deactivation switches to consistently exceed "cycle life specification" of 500,000 pressure cycles. TI Weibull reports of pressure switches tested in 1998 conservatively demonstrate 95% reliability to 1 million cycles (with confidence intervals greater than 50%).

Additionally "success testing records" of some 565 ES units that were tested during the 1991 - 1992 (11/91 - 12/92) showed zero leakage at 500,000 cycles.

Conclusion to date: 1992 period switches met specification. 1999 switch meets or exceeds specification

We have developed and delivered a laboratory model of accelerated plastic base ignition of the switch resulting from fluid in the switch cavity coupled with application of constant power as designed in the speed control circuit. Theories from the model suggest that fluids in the switch cavity in the presence of uninterrupted power could lead to a corrosion product formation which might create a plastic base ignition path.

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Conclusion to date: Constant speed control power allows long term corrosion

In light of this laboratory model and the need for cruise system power only during vehicle operation, we suggest the system architecture of "key-on/off" based power be considered.

We have been open and forthright in our communications and delivery of information and we believe we have been instrumental in helping Ford address the underhood fire concern issue.

In this regard, we think it is appropriate at this point that our active participation in the diagnostic journey of the vintage 1992 product move towards a timely conclusion. Toward this end, we will continue to support the "core" team review of 1992 product history with targeted completion in July 1998.

We are preparing to fulfill your request for hosting a site visit, supporting campaign field return device analysis, and participating in robust system brainstorming sessions moving toward conclusion in July, as well as reviewing the optimization of our product line process controls.

Our prime focus at this time is in rapidly supplying Ford with 225,000 units in support of the field actions.

Regards,

Andrew C. McGuirk
QRA Manager
Texas Instruments

attachments: 1992 Testing History
TI 77PS Test synopsis
TI 77PS Investigation Flow Diagram

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TI 77PS Test Synopsis

This document is a synopsis of tests conducted by Texas Instruments during the 77PS investigation. The intent of this document is to highlight test findings which drove the investigation to its current state. Throughout the investigation, several tests were conducted with the same objective. When each objective was met, efforts were refocused to obtain a new level of understanding and to establish a new set of objectives. As such, tests have been categorized into (5) levels, representing the level of knowledge obtained from the group of tests conducted. Each level is listed below with a short description of the objective:

- Level 1: Create a laboratory switch ignition without any restrictions on methods.
- Level 2: Create a laboratory switch ignition using only conditions found in the switch operating environment.
- Level 3: Understand the laboratory ignition mechanism.
- Level 4: Compare factors contributing to laboratory ignition.
- Level 5: Evaluate recommendations.

Refer to Brake Pressure Switch Test Log.

Level 1 Objective: Determine if a switch ignition can be created in the laboratory.

- **Test 1**

Objective: Determine if switch ignition can occur under the following laboratory conditions:

Switch contact cavity flooded with brake fluid mixed with varying amounts of % H₂O.
14 volts applied to one terminal, second terminal electrically floating.
(No electrical load across switch terminals).
Switch hexport electrically grounded.

Results:

- (8) samples were tested total:
- (2) with 4% H₂O in brake fluid.
- (2) with 6% H₂O in brake fluid.
- (2) with 10% H₂O in brake fluid.
- (2) with 75% H₂O in brake fluid.

No ignition occurred. No significant temperature rise observed in all samples. Current draw ranged from 0.5 mAmps to 5 mAmps over a period greater than (250) hours.

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• **Test 2**

Objective: Determine if switch ignition can occur under the following laboratory conditions:

Switch contact flooded with brake fluid.
14 volts applied to one terminal, second terminal connected to a 14 Ω resistor which is tied to ground. (1 Amp load across switch terminals).
Switch hexport electrically grounded.

Results: (2) samples were tested. No ignition occurred. No significant temperature rise observed for a period over (250) hours.

Conclusion: A (1) Amp load through switch terminals did not ignite brake fluid in the contact cavity of switches.

• **Test 6**

Objective: Determine if switch ignition can occur under the following laboratory conditions:

Heater element installed in contact cavity of the switch.
Power applied to the heater element until plastic base melts.
Spark generated in contact cavity of switch.
Brake fluid present in the contact cavity (wet device) and absent in the contact cavity (dry device).

Results: (2) dry devices were tested and (1) wet device was tested. Ignition occurred in all devices.

Wet device: The internal temperature of a wet device reached 660°F. A hole burned through the base of the switch (close to the heating element). The applied spark ignited the fumes in the contact cavity of the switch and engulfed the base material of the switch.

Dry device: The internal temperature of a dry switch reached over 1000°F. The switch base flopped over. The applied spark ignited the fumes in the contact cavity of the switch and engulfed the base material of the switch.

Conclusion: A switch ignition can occur under the following laboratory conditions:

Heater element installed in the switch contact cavity.
5 watts of power dissipated in heating element.
Spark generated in the contact cavity of the switch.

Brake fluid did not contribute to the ignition process.

Level 2: Objective: Determine if a laboratory ignition can occur using only switch components and elements found in the switch environment.

• **Test 6a**

Objective: Determine if corrosive degradation of switch electrical components can cause an increase in electrical resistance (and thus a source of heat) in the switch, which may lead to an ignition.

Results: (1) out of (15) samples tested increased resistance to 5 Ω s. A solution of 5 wt. % NaCl in H₂O can corrode the electrical components of the switch and cause an increase in electrical resistance. Repeated injections of the solution of 5 wt. % NaCl in H₂O into the contact cavity of a switch, with the switch continuously powered at 14 Volts, can cause an ignition.

Conclusion: A switch ignition can occur under the following laboratory conditions:

A solution of 5% NaCl in H₂O is injected into contact cavity of a switch.
Continuous 14 Volt power applied to the switch.
Hexport is grounded.
Current is limited at 15 Amps.

• **Test 6c**

Objective: Determine if brake fluid with metal shavings is conductive enough to create an ignition.

Results: (3) devices with various size metal particles were tested. No significant current increase detected.

Conclusion: Metal shavings did not significantly increase conductivity brake fluid. Current levels measured were well below levels necessary to create an ignition.

• **Test 7**

Objective: Determine if switch meets cycle life specification.

Results: Tests conducted during the first quarter of 1999 show that switches exceed cycle life specification.

In the first quarter of 1999, a total of (42) 77PSL2-1 snap switches were impulse tested to over 1,000,000 cycles with only (1) leak below 1,000,000 cycles, which

occurred at 728,000 cycles. A Weibull analysis showed 99.9% reliability at 500,000 cycles at 95% confidence level.

Conclusions: Switches meet cycle life specification. First quarter, 1999 tests confirm impulse test findings made during the period between 1991 and 1992. During that period, (6) impulse tests on 144 devices of 57PS and 77PS construction, had no leaks when tested to 500,000 cycles. A Weibull analysis of first quarter, 1999 tests, showed 99.9% reliability at 500,000 cycles at 95% confidence level.

• Test 15a

Objective: Determine the long term corrosive effects of brake fluid on the electrical components of switches which are continuously powered at 14 Volts.

Results: Test was suspended after 550 hours of testing. (6) samples were tested with continuous 14 Volts power. The contact cavity of (4) switches contained new brake fluid and (2) switches contained old brake fluid. Switches with old brake fluid drew very little hexport current and showed a decrease in hexport current over time to less than 1/10 mAmp. Samples with new brake fluid showed an increase in hexport current to over 20 mAmps toward the end of the 550 hours of testing. Analyses of (1) sample with new brake fluid and (1) sample with old brake fluid revealed electrolytic corrosion of the contact arm of both switches. There was a much lower level of corrosion in the sample with used brake fluid than the sample with new brake fluid.

Conclusion: Brake fluid in the contact cavity of switches, which are at 14 Volts continuous power for over 500 hours, can cause electrolytic corrosion of the switch contact arm and an increase in hexport current.

• Test 17

Objective: Quantify the long term corrosive effects of new brake fluid on the electrical components of switches under the following laboratory conditions:

 Contact cavity of switch flooded with new brake fluid.
 Switches at continuous 14 Volts power.
 Switches subjected to vibration for (1) hour per day.
 Switches subjected to 100°C for (1) hour per day.

Results: Test suspended after (312) hours. (50) samples tested. The average hexport current draw after (312) hours is 1.9 mAmps with a standard deviation of 1.8 mAmps. These results are consistent with results previously found in Test 15a at the 300 hour point.

Conclusion: New brake fluid in the contact cavity of switches, has not caused an increase in hexport current after (312) hours at continuous 14 Volts power.

Level 3: Objective: Understand the laboratory ignition process, determine the current path and establish a repeatable ignition method.

- **Test 6b**

Objective: Understand the ignition process, determine the current path and establish a repeatable ignition method.

Results: Multiple attempts at laboratory ignition, via injection of a solution of 5 wt. % NaCl in H_2O into the contact cavity of switches, has resulted in a repeatability rate of approximately 50%. Plots of hexport current verses time show an increase in current until the point of ignition.

Conclusion: A repeatable laboratory method for switch ignition was established. Based on hexport current measurements, the current path is from switch terminals to hexport body.

When a solution of 5 wt. % NaCl in H_2O is repeatedly injected into the contact cavity of powered switches, electrolytic corrosion of the switch terminal results in an increase in terminal resistance. When sufficient power is drawn through the corrosive resistance, switch elements heat up and begin to glow red hot. A hole burns through the switch base and ignition occurs. There is arcing visible throughout the corrosion process which may provide the spark necessary for ignition.

Level 4: Objective: Compare and contrast variables influencing ignition using the established laboratory ignition method.

- **Test 13a**

Objective: Compare various fluids in the established ignition method.

Results: The following fluids were tested.

(1) NaCl in H_2O .

(1) tap water

(1) rain water

(1) used brake fluid

(1) used brake fluid with 5 wt. % H_2O

(1) new brake fluid

(1) new brake fluid with 5 wt. % H_2O

The switch filled with 5 wt. % NaCl in H_2O resulted in an ignition when average hexport current exceeded 2.5 Amps. Switches that were filled with tap water and rain water drew less than 10 mAmps over a (3) hour test and showed little signs of

corrosion. Switches filled with a matrix of new and used brake fluids, with water and without water, all drew less than 3 mAmps hexport current draw and showed no signs of corrosion over the (24) hour test.

Conclusion: Brake fluid is not conductive enough to cause the electrolytic corrosion and necessary current draw to create an ignition within a 3 hour lab test. Because of its' significantly higher conductivity, an ionic rich fluid such as NaCl in H₂O can cause an ignition in a 3 hour lab test exposure..

• Test 15

Objective: Compare the ignition characteristics of various plastics as switch base material.

Results: When 5 wt. % NaCl in H₂O was injected into switches with different base materials, the following results were obtained: Cellanex 4300 ignited 3 out of 5 attempts. Noryl ignited 2 out of 5 attempts. Zytel ignited 1 out of 5 attempts.

Conclusions: All plastics tested can ignite using the established laboratory ignition method.

• Test 15b

Objective: Determine if switch ignition can occur in the vertical position and 45° orientation. Determine if switch ignition can occur and at different rotational angles in the 45° orientation.

Results: Switch ignitions can occur in both the vertical and 45° orientation using the established laboratory ignition method.

Conclusion: Switch ignition does not appear to be sensitive to vertical orientation verses 45° orientation nor to rotational angle in the 45° orientation.

Level 5 Objective:

Test 16

• Objective: Test proposed relay circuit.

Results: (1) switch was injected with a solution of 5 wt. % NaCl in H₂O and placed in the proposed current limiting circuit for (48) hours. The current draw remained constant at 180 mAmps throughout the test. There was no activity observed and the contact arm remained mostly intact.

(1) switch was brought to an impending burn condition using the established burn method. An impending burn is a condition where a corrosive resistance has built

up in the switch and an ignition is imminent. The switch was then placed in the proposed relay circuit for (18) hours where it drew 160 mAmps, showed no visible activity and did not result in an ignition.

Because the proposed relay circuit acts as a resistor which limits current to the switch, the maximum power to the switch is limited to .75 Watts. A resistive wire was wrapped around the base of (1) switch and 0.75 Watts of power was dissipated in the wire. The wire became warm to the touch but had no effect on the switch.

Conclusion: 0.75 Watts, the maximum power in the proposed circuit design, is insufficient to cause substantial electrolytic corrosion or significant switch terminal heating, which is necessary to create an ignition. In previous tests, using a resistor as the heating element (see Test 6), approximately 5 Watts of power was necessary to create an ignition.

Brake Pressure Switch Test Log, Updated 6/22/99

Category	Test	Location	Test Parameters	Results Update
Lab Simulation of Potential Ignition in Switch	1	TI	Very water concentrations in 'new' Brake Fluid 14Vdc to one terminal, heepost grounded Water Conc: 4%, 6%, 10%, 75%	250+ hours, Current draw in the 0.5mA to 5mA range Fluid has discolored. No Significant Temperature Rise. Test Suspended. Intermitt Analysis suspended.
	2	TI	New Brake Fluid 1 Amp through switch terminals 14Vdc to one terminal, heepost grounded	250+ hours. Constant temperature. No significant temperature rise with time Test Suspended.
	3	AVT	'new' Brake Fluid in Switch, 24 VDC to one terminal. Heepost Grounded	> 300 hours into test, max current 7mA No significant change with time. Test suspended
	4	AVT	'new' Brake Fluid in Switch, 24 VDC to one terminal. Heepost Grounded, Ambient at 100 C	18 hours into test max current 5mA No significant temperature rise with time. Test suspended.
	5	AVT	'new' Brake Fluid in Switch, 18 Amps Through switch terminals	Temperature rise of 20 C above room temp Delta T reached steady state at 20 C. Test suspended.
	5a	AVT	'new' Brake Fluid in Switch approx. 50 Amps Through Switch Terminals	Temperature rose to approx. 270 F. No smoke. No ignition Test suspended.
	6	TI	Build heater elements into Switch. Heat till failure, include sparking (1) wt solution of Brake Fluid and 6 wt. % H ₂ O	3 tested. Smoke observed, ignition observed on part wheater See attachment Test complete Brake fluid in cavity slows down heat build-up Smoke observed at 675 F, Glass melts and falls off at 800 F
	6a	TI	Create heater by corroding spring arm Salt water solution, 14V between spring and heepost	One out of 15 devices increased resistance to 5 ohms. Others either very low resistance or megohms It took about 100 hours to reach the 5 ohm stage. The 5 ohm device ignited under conditions similar to test 6.
	6b	TI	Re-run ignition test to understand repeatability and current path.	Switch ignition with repeated 5% water solution into switch Current path is through heepost. See pics and video.
	6c	TI	Pure 'new' brake fluid with metal shavings	Additional test include tap water, old BF, new BF and other. Metal shavings do not contribute significantly to brake fluid

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				conductivity
Life Cycle Reliability of Pressure Switch	7	TI	0-1400 psig pressure pulses at 135C per ES	First leak observed at 728,000 cycles. Test Completed. See attached Weibull Chart.
Diaphragm Wear	8	TI	0-1400 psig pressure pulses at 135C.	Parts withdrawn every 200k cycles, characterized for wear
Field vs Lab Corrosion	9	Central Labs	Field returns, from dealer lots, junkyards	Parts in Central Labs, see Ford spreadsheet
Design Of Experiments (1)	10	TI	Very water concentrations in 'new' Brake Fluid	Test Report being written investigation continues.
Evaluating Factors			12 snap + 12 quiet switches w/ 0 % water in BF	Suspended at 1.3 million cycles with no leaks observed.
Effecting Diaphragm Wear Impulse test			12 snap + 12 quiet switches w/ 5 % water in BF	Snap samples suspended at 1.3 million cycles with 2 leaks observed at 1.3M. Quiet samples suspended at 500k cycles to assess failure mechanisms.
On-Vehicle Characterization of Pressure & Temperature Profile in Town Car	11	AVT	Monitor Pressure and Temperature at Switch Location for ABS and non-ABS braking events.	Test at AVT.....see Ford charts...>500k in car?
Brake fluid analysis	11a	TI	Analyze used brake fluid at the master cylinder (LMC), used brake fluid at the caliper (UCA) and new brake fluid (NEW) for metal and water content.	Test complete. LMC: Cu = 416 (ug/ml), Fe = 6.6 (ug/ml), Cr = 0.08 (ug/ml), 1.1 %H2O. UCA: Cu = 582 (ug/ml), Fe = 6.6 (ug/ml), Cr = 1.9 (ug/ml), 1.1 %H2O. NEW: Cu = <0.01 (ug/ml), Fe = 0.92 (ug/ml), Cr = <0.01 (ug/ml), 0.3 %H2O.
Spark /Arc Study	12	Central Labs	Determine if arcing/spark forms in switch using clutch loads and high speed video. Use dry switches as well as switches with various brake fluid under stress.	Equipment set-up in progress at Central Labs. TI Experimented with no 'significant' sparks observed
Characterization of switches retrieved from field junkyards & other sources	13	Central Labs	Characterize electrical, mechanical and chemical aspects of returned switches	Data log and analysis procedure set up complete. Analysis of switches in progress.
Fluid Ingress Tests	13a	TI	Repeat Ignition simulation with different fluids.	Test complete.
			(3) hour tests:	5% NaCl sample resulted in an ignition.
			5% NaCl in tap water	All brake fluid samples drew less than 3 mAmps. No corrosion
			rain water	visible on brake fluid samples.
			(24) hour tests:	Rain water and tap water samples drew <10 mAmps and showed
			tap water	some signs of corrosion.

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			used brake fluid	Chemical analysis in process.
			used brake fluid w/ 5% H ₂ O	
			new brake fluid	
			new brake fluid w/ 5% H ₂ O	
Design Of Experiments (2)	13b	TI	Very water concentrations in 'new' Brake Fluid	Test suspended. Analysis in process to assess test featuring.
Repeat of test 10			10 amp + 20 quiet switches w/ 0 % water in BF	
			10 amp + 20 quiet switches w/ 5 % water in BF	
Compatibility of Kapton with Oxalic Acid	14	Dupont	Characterize change in properties of Kapton with various % oxalic acid in brake fluid.	Test in progress (100) hours completed. Oxalic acid shows similar effects that water has on Kapton properties.
Evaluation of Plastic Materials with Improved Parameters	15	TI	Assess properties and moldability of different grades of plastic resin with additives to improve plastic part performance	Test suspended. Celcones and Noryl ignited 2/5 and 2/5 trials ZYTEL samples tested 1/5 ignitions
Long duration brake fluid loggers test.	15a	TI	(4) samples with new brake fluid (2) samples with used brake fluid	Test suspended (550) hours completed. Used brake fluid current dropped off to <1/10 mAmp. New BF hotspot current can increase w/ time under const. power.
Evaluation of Switch Orientation	16b	TI	Assess ignition sensitivity to switch orientation. Test vertical versus 45 degree. Test rotational sensitivity in 45 deg. orientation.	Test complete. Ignition is independent of switch orientation. Simulated switch ignition can occur in vertical or 45 degree angle. Ignition appears not sensitive to switch rotational alignment.
Relay Circuit Test	16	TI	Repeat test 13a in Ford relay circuit for (48) hrs. Bring switch to impending ignition in (16) Amp circuit then place in relay circuit for (18) hrs. Input max. circuit power into heater on switch.	Test complete. No ignition. Corrosion rate drastically reduced. Insufficient power in circuit to create or move toward ignition in lab. Heater element was warm to the touch.
Long duration brake fluid loggers test number 2	17	TI	(50) samples filled with new brake fluid (1) hour of vibration per day (1) hour soak at 100 deg C per day	Test suspended. (312) hours completed. Average hotspot current is 1.9 mAmp (stddeviation = 1.8 mAmps)

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22-Sep-92	4,000	10	-
30-Sep-92	4,000	10	-
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Totals units	145,680	648	-
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Currey, Pat

From: Andres, Amy [aandres@mail.mc.ti.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 1999 12:56 PM
To: Siuzdak, Allan; Chura, Stephen; Griffin, Hank; Hopkins, AL; Kill, Beth; Su, Rose
Cc: McGuirk, Andy
Subject: FW: line audit by ford

I am forwarding this for your information. It appears that Ford will be visiting tomorrow and the agenda follows. I do not see a time for a lab tour, but please be prepared.

Thank you!
Best Regards,
Amy Andres
aandres@ti.com
x3616 pgx0662

From: McGuirk, Andy
Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 1999 1:28 PM
To: Pechonis, John; Proia, Stephen; Amaral, Paul; Matt, Jim;
Baringhouse, Steven; Dague, Bryan; Sharpe, Robert
Cc: Baumann, Russ; Rowland, Thomas; Haynes, John; Andres, Amy; Douglas, Charles
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Cc: Sharpe, Robert; Baringhouse, Steven; Proia, Stephen
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2:00 - 2:30

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ROB S 2:30

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 Sent: Friday, May 29, 1999 9:38 AM
 To: Pechonis, John; Proia, Stephen; Amaral, Paul; Watt, Jim;
 Beringhouse, Steven; Dague, Bryan; Sharpe, Robert; McGuirk, Andy
 Cc: Baumann, Russ; Rowland, Thomas; Haynes, John; Andres, Amy;
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 Subject: RE: line audit by ford
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DEPART FOR AIRPORT 2:30		STEVE R & ROB S

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 Sent: Friday, May 26, 1999 9:58 AM
 To: Pechonis, John; Freia, Stephen; Amaral, Paul; Watt, Jim; Beringhouse, Steven;
 Dague, Bryan; Sharpe, Robert; McGuirk, Andy
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 Subject: RE: line audit by ford
 Importance: High

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Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 1999 2:45 PM
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Subject: FW: Ford visit draft agenda for June 2nd visit

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Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 1999 3:16 PM
To: Proia, Stephen; Pechonis, John
Cc: Baumann, Russ; Martin, Scott; Berlinghouse, Steven; Sharpe, Robert
Subject: final: Ford visit agenda for June 2nd visit

Importance: High

fred and i discussed and he agreed to this.....see more dialogue at line where operations take place as his expectation.

(his e-mail was down)

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8:30 - 9:40

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9:40 - 9:50

STEVE R AND ANDY M

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6/2/99

Steve Reimers → see process, understand what Andy has verbally provided. Oct 98 started, Steve R started 2/1/99
Bruce Penn (?) 192 Ford Release Engineer
ABS, Ride Control, Air Suspension & Steve's Group Resp.
Any Chassis Control w/misc hanging out

Still no root cause for recall

Rate of fires vs time change

line up with manual crimp to Auto crimp. 7
NW 92

Hilite Industries (Prop Value)

Steve R. would like (emin) copy of FMEA

Steve B.
Corrosion Rm -
Update

Failure of Fishbone

Focused in on I²R (lower) heating

water (corrosion fluid) into switch cavity. Bridges terminals
to Hespert. Corrosion cell creates high resistance path w/
conductive slurry

Tested with Norgl, Callahan Base Material, ≈ 50% duplication

Salt Water = extensive corrosion ⁱⁿ Copper Carbon, Oxygen

Brake Fluid = corrosion (some) injected one time

→ On vehicle would expect some flushing
(800 hr test)

Steve R. asked if we looked beyond the cup corrosion
to see effect on Kaptan (40s)

Similarities between salt water corrosion and Memphis Rtn

Steve R. expects ≈ 50k field returns from recall
timing? Need to setup Analysis Protocol

recent Failure (last Thursday) extensive damage to case's above

210K Service switches completed

Steve R. Any more testing?

All testing completed.
(understand)

corrosion → ignition

corrosion → from Salt Water

→ Brake Fluid

wrap up

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Steve P.

Manufacturing / Process Review

Steve R. - How do we know Kapton is cut correctly?
↳ too long, will not fit in Nest
too short, probe will not detect

Focused on 90° crimp process (looked @ actual die)
Steve R. ramp rate for "overpressure" (Kapton webbing)
test 1200psi (no control, open valve)

Steve R. Have many lots/dry (25 hrs \approx 20K, 8-10 lots)
Under all same date code, no \pm D for each lot

British Copper Terminals

Once Hex Assy or Base Assy detected "No Good"
no additional components are added and unit is
eventually discarded

Steve checks between 10-19 \rightarrow ensuring base is present

Tour Walk

45° + 90°

Time Line 9/91 Failed Impulse Test (200K)
(Steve's chart)

root cause \rightarrow Auto crimp
not for going
Approval for Auto crimp

Steve R. \rightarrow How do we know if crimp pressure too high or low
crimp height (low pressure, too high)
(high pressure, bad components, too low)
Auto wiring

Manual crimp still used today (in Mexico)

Manual = hand loading, Auto = pick & place
same stations (solder, etc)
see Steve's comparison table

Steve R. throughput manual vs (automatic 3K/pc per min)
↳ need to verify think close to Auto
crimp velocity

Steve R. \rightarrow index's kenport to specific crimp position - Auto
manual may not have
Process for pick & place change? (P. dir up by
Hex, threads, etc)

Steve R. \rightarrow What do we do for PM (would like to understand character)
typical schedule, available for review
AB vs BB suffix
no error die
replacement
EPC issue

PLC Controls

Terminal
Assembly

Steve R.

When SPC finds a problem, how does operator document.

→ field for input in the SPC file/chart
time to add input before SPC is cleared

How often does crimp & happen? → what drives changes to the crimp die and what is the process to correct.

* Any crimp ring/die problems this year
Bob clear to Feb '99. need to go back farther

→ pky yoke, if bulging wont fit into crimp ring → pick it place

Validate crimp to a stop vs pressure
needs downstroke sensor
Does it bottom out Dwell time?
understand downstroke sensor Cal, etc..

Steve Do we know impact of Dwell time

→ Ayon believes none, used to know where crimp is.

→ Any changes to process?
Dwell, etc

Afternoon

Base Army Line walk

Steve Chart for all Process Controls (Extracted from PFASW)

Ayon 17, 18" show all Process Checks (en IT)

what changed? look @ drawings for crimp Die
45°/90° → Feb '92 "clearance" change
Both Dies why? depth no part
SREA? No → clearance, no part
140421-2 ~~40~~ 90°
140422-2 ~~40~~ 45°

"AB" Automatic
"BB" Manual

Conf. Call

Crimp Process Directly (Process Controls)

near part, no issues needing resolution

How about farther back?

What kinds of process controls in place that need changing if controls "out of whack" Brel coloured

Things might be subtle

Crimp Tool modification in Feb '92 (Dim + material)

what drove? → what other changes

Rents 17th 18th

Date on Tool, Implementation first
then updated print
Need to understand mechanical history
of crimp dies

B	1.38 Dia. w/ 1.25	2/11/92	
A	Redesign punch shape	10/25/90	90°
C	.600 Dia. 1.750	3/18/94	45°

- Need to summarize
 - Crimp by Process Tool (+ Control Plan, Unwilt time, etc)
 - Explain tool differences between
 - Auto : Manual
 - Process's between Auto/Manual
 - Very close? Steve know?
 - Review PFMEA

- understand heritage of
 - Black & Webster (Why were crimp dies originally different)

Product Design
to Process Design issues

→ YTP Poky Yoke & SPC for crimp

- Fred P. Any thought to how we would create a wrinkled Kapton
 - Don't know how

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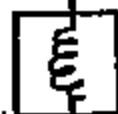
- 1) Flash points
Aziz has material specs
- 2 base materials Celanex, Noryl (and)
✓ Kapton and Teflon
Gasket + seal (getting)
- 2) Δ's in material PZC → FZAC
launched at "G" 77PSL2-1 → 77PSL3-1 Area material bigger
- 3) DFMEA : PFMEA? any fire occurrences?
We identify leaks for potential effects, none related to fire
9, B, 7, 9, B, B, B, 8, 9, 27, 9, (DFMEA)
• 9, 9, 9, 9, etc., 12V wiring harness 70, 7
- 4) Terminal position = SPC we measure hourly (Spur chart) height
terminal pushout / Spcs x-r separation / Spcs = 2 hrs x-r Alignment / Spcs = 2 hrs x-r
- 5) IP Testing Recent testing no problems
- 6)
- 7) Internally Testing
 - ① conductivity of Brake fluid with diff water levels In progress
 - ② Understand conductivity of switch to ground with contaminated fluid.
 - ③ Brake fluid across to switch w/ 12v saw failure on leaf arm Done
- 8) Outside Ford
Lead Rover (within ABS) hot only on ignition chassis volume my
S7PS Anti Dive rear brake mount
1 year

P A R E S E N T

BRAKE
LAMP
CIRCUIT
(VBAT)



N/C
BRAKE SWITCH



E M
CLUTCH



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BRAKE (VBAT)
LAMP
CIRCUIT

N/O
RELAY



CRUISE
CONTROL
INPUT



N/C
BRAKE SWITCH



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