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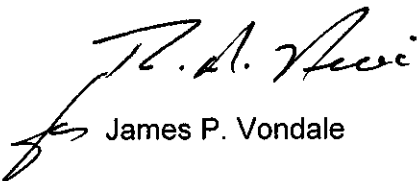
Dear Mr. Borris:

Subject: EA10-001:NVS-212pco

Please find Ford Motor Company's (Ford) response to Peter Ong's March 16, 2011 email, requesting additional information pertaining to the subject Engineering Analysis. Included in this response is an update to PE09-046 Appendix A which contains vehicles from the Federalized Territories and Protectorates.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions concerning this response.

Sincerely,



James P. Vondale

Attachment



FORD MOTOR COMPANY (FORD) RESPONSE SUPPLEMENT TO EA10-001

This is the Ford Motor Company (Ford) response to Peter Ong's March 16, 2011, email requesting information concerning 2004 through 2006 model year Ford F-150 allegations of inadvertent driver frontal air bag deployments.

Request 1

In Ford's Mar 4, 2011 letter (p6, Lawsuits/Claims/Arb table), Ford lists 1 B1 "Non-Duplicative Subcategories" Crash report...pls provide VIN or claim ID and any other info, pictures, inspection reports and/or contact info that Ford has?

Answer

The number of lawsuits, claims, and arbitrations containing an allegation of a crash contains a typographical error and should read "zero" indicating that no additional crash reports have been identified since Ford's May 14, 2010 response.

Request 2

Also can you provide me the build date and warranty start date info for:
1FTRF12245N [REDACTED]? This vehicle is from PR. How many vehicles were sold in US-PR/US-VI? Are there any other CAT A1/B1 reports from these US territories?

Answer

The production date and warranty start date for 1FTRF12245N [REDACTED] are provided below:

Production Date: April 14, 2005

Warranty Start Date: November 7, 2005

Ford reviewed production volume information for 2004 through 2006 model year Ford F-150 vehicles provided to the agency in its November 19, 2009 response and found that vehicles sold in American Samoa, Guam, Northern Marianas, Puerto Rico, and U.S. Virgin Islands were not included in Appendix A. During its search for vehicle production data, Ford inadvertently applied an incorrect set of data filters to extract information from its databases that caused the omission. Ford has enclosed an updated PE09-046 Appendix A that utilizes the correct data filters and contains vehicle production data for vehicles sold or leased in the United States and Federalized Territories and Protectorates. Note that any complaint data for vehicles operated in the Federalized Territories and Protectorates were included in each of our previous responses to PE09-046 and EA10-001.

Sales for the 2004 through 2006 model year Ford F-150 for U.S. Federalized Territories and Protectorates are summarized in the table below:

| Territory/Protectorate | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|--------------------------|------|------|------|
| American Samoa | 25 | 25 | 23 |
| Guam | 113 | 111 | 49 |
| Northern Mariana Islands | 10 | 5 | 4 |
| Puerto Rico | 2252 | 1801 | 1330 |
| U. S. Virgin Islands | 60 | 52 | 88 |

Ford reviewed its databases submitted in its November 19, 2009, May 14, 2010, and March 4, 2011 responses for customer complaints, field reports, and warranty claims for vehicles operated in U.S. Federalized Territories and Protectorates and have identified the following category A1/B1 reports:

| Category | Data Source | Report Number | State/Territory/Protectorate | Submission Date |
|----------|-------------|---------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| B1 | MORS | 1452771310 | Puerto Rico | 11/19/09 |
| B1 | CQIS | 8AVBP169 | Puerto Rico | 3/4/11 |

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