



Automotive Safety Office
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Mr. Jeff Quandt, Chief
Vehicle Control Division
Office of Defects Investigation
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W48-312
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Mr. Quandt:

Subject: PE11-003:NVS-213kmb

As discussed in a July 13, 2011 telephone call, Ford is submitting two documents that provide a description of the testing protocol and corresponding test results that are part of Ford's ongoing root cause analysis of allegations of wheel stud fractures on certain 2009 through 2011 model year Ford Fusion, Mercury Milan, and Lincoln MKZ vehicles. These documents are being submitted directly to the Office of Chief Counsel along with a request for confidential treatment. A copy of the information being submitted to the Office of Chief Counsel is provided as an attachment to this letter as a courtesy. Ford requests that this information be treated confidentially.

If you have any questions concerning this response, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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