

Request 9

Furnish Ford's assessment of the alleged defect in the subject vehicles, including:

- a. The causal or contributory factor(s);
- b. The failure mechanism(s);
- c. The failure mode(s);
- d. The risk to motor vehicle safety that it poses;
- e. The threshold to trigger a MIL or other warning lamp due to the alleged defect;
- f. What warnings, if any, the operator and the other persons both inside and outside the vehicle would have that the alleged defect was occurring, or subject component was malfunctioning;
- g. The sequence of events, including durations of each, from first warning to alleged defect
- h. Explain the performance of all occupant protection systems in a subject vehicle that contains an already deployed subject component. This should include, but is not limited to, any element of the occupant protection system that is rendered to have a diminished functionality after the alleged defect has occurred; and
- i. The reports included with this inquiry.

Answer

This submission is the first part of Ford's two-part submission and provides responses to Requests 1 through 8 of the Information Request. As aligned with the Agency through communication on January 9, 2024, Ford's response to Request 9 will be provided with Part 2 of the submission. Responses to Requests 9 through 15 will be provided no later than February 26, 2024.