

Certificate in Support of Request for Confidentiality

I, Frank R. Starke, pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR part 512, state as follows:

(1) I am the Quality Director, for TI Fluid Systems ("TIFS") North American Fluid Carrying Systems Division, and I am authorized by TIFS to execute this certificate on its behalf.

(2) I certify that the information contained in the attached document submitted with this certification ("pdf version of e-mail titled "FW_C346 Warranty Returns-Bosch Valve Failure (3).pdf") is confidential and proprietary data that it is entitled to confidential treatment under 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4) (as incorporated by reference in and modified by the statute under which the information is being submitted). Specifically, that document contains proprietary trade secret data concerning communications and employee names. The Ford directed Bosch Canister Purge Valve (CPV) installed to TIFS vapor tube has been sold to Ford, for use in motor vehicles. The attached document may reflect the materials used in the manufacture of that Ford directed Bosch CPV or other information claimed confidential treatment. Any design and other information reflected in the document is the product of the creative efforts from Ford Motor Company and Bosch engineers. Public disclosure of this design information would cause competitive harm to TI Fluid Systems and subsidiaries.

(3) I hereby request that the information (3) contained in the attached document be protected on a permanent basis. TIFS still manufactures for automotive use the Ford directed Bosch CPV to which the documents relate for production and service.

(4) This certification is based on the information provided by the responsible TIFS personnel who have authority in the normal course of business to release the information for which a claim of confidentiality has been made to ascertain whether such information has ever been released outside of TIFS.

(5) Based upon that information, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the information for which TIFS has claimed confidential treatment has never been released or become available outside TIFS, except to certain suppliers of the material used in the manufacture of the Ford directed Bosch CPV, TIFS and/or Ford under circumstances such that the shared information is retained as confidential by those suppliers and to the best of my knowledge has not been shared with other persons or entities.

(6) I make no representations beyond those contained in this certificate and, in particular, I make no representations as to whether this information may become available outside TIFS and/or Ford because of unauthorized or inadvertent disclosure

(7) I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.
Executed on this 04th day of December, 2023.



Frank R. Starke
Quality Director, FCS North America
TI Fluid Systems