

Certificate in Support of Request for Confidentiality

I, Ravi Rao, pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR part 512, state as follows:

(1) I am Ravi Rao, Vice-President for Quality Management of Powertrain Solutions, Robert Bosch LLC ("Bosch"), and I am authorized by Robert Bosch LLC to execute this certificate on its behalf.

(2) I certify that the information contained in the email communications between Ford Motor Company ("Ford") and Bosch, along with the powerpoint documents submitted with this certification ("Bosch documents") are 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, the documents contain proprietary trade secret data concerning pricing, product design and product volumes sold to Ford. The canister purge valve has been sold to Ford, among other motor vehicle manufacturers, for use in motor vehicles. The documents also reflect the materials used in the manufacture of that canister purge valves. The design and other information reflected in the document is the product of the creative efforts of Bosch engineers and quality management associates. Public disclosure of this design information would cause competitive harm to Bosch.

(3) I hereby request that the information contained in the Bosch document(s) be Protected for a period of ten years. Bosch still manufactures for automotive use the canister purge valves to which the documents relate.

(4) This certification is based on the information provided by the responsible Powertrain Solutions 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 Bosch.

(5) Based upon that information, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the information for which Bosch has claimed confidential treatment has never been released or become available outside Bosch, except suppliers of the material used in the manufacture of the canister purge valve by Bosch 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 Bosch

(7) I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.
Executed on this 4th day of December, 2023.



Ravi Rao
Vice President for Quality Management of
Powertrain Solutions, Robert Bosch LLC