

FORD MOTOR COMPANY (FORD) RESPONSE TO PE24-027

Request 4

Produce copies of all documents related to each item within the scope of Request No. 2. Organize the documents separately by category (i.e., consumer complaints, field reports, etc.) and describe the method Ford used for organizing the documents. Describe in detail the search methods and search criteria used by Ford to identify the items in response to Request No. 2.

Answer

Documents requested in Request 4 are provided in PE24-027 Part 1_Request4_Appendix C. The following categorizations were used in the review

Category	Definition
A1	Rear Brake Hose Leak
A2	Rear Brake Hose Bubble or Bulge
B	Ambiguous Brake System Tube or Hose Leak

Detailed descriptions of the search criteria, including pertinent parameters, used to identify the reports provided in response to Request 2 are described in the file titled "PE24-027 Part1_Request4_Appendix D."

For purposes of identifying reports of incidents that may be related to the alleged defect and any related documents, Ford has gathered "owner reports" and "field reports" maintained by Ford Customer Service Division (FCSD) and claim and lawsuit information maintained by Ford's Office of the General Counsel (OGC).

Owner Reports: Records identified in a search of the Global Contact Center Technology (GCCT) database, as described in Ford's response to Request 4, were reviewed for relevance and sorted in accordance with the categories described above. The relevant owner reports identified in this search for the alleged defect are provided in the GCCT portion of the database contained in Ford's response to Request 3. The categorization of each report is identified in the "Category" field.

Field Reports: Records identified in a search of the Common Quality Indicator System (CQIS) database, as described in Ford's response to Request 4, were reviewed for relevance and sorted in accordance with the categories described above. The relevant field reports identified in this search for the alleged defect are provided in the CQIS portion of the database contained in Ford's response to Request 3. The categorization of each report is identified in the "Category" field.

Claims, Lawsuits, and Arbitrations: For purposes of identifying incidents that may relate to the alleged defect in a subject vehicle, Ford has gathered claim and lawsuit information maintained by Ford's OGC. Ford's OGC is responsible for handling various legal matters, including product liability lawsuits, claims, and consumer breach of warranty lawsuits and arbitrations against the Company.

Lawsuits and claims gathered in this manner were reviewed for relevance and categorized in accordance with the categories described above.

There were no responsive or ambiguous lawsuits or claims identified.