

FORD MOTOR COMPANY (FORD) RESPONSE TO RQ24014-1 Request 2Request 2

State the number of each of the following, received by Ford, or of which Ford is otherwise aware, which relate to, or may relate to, the alleged defect in the subject vehicles:

- a. Consumer complaints, including those from fleet operators;
- b. Field reports, including dealer field reports;
- c. Reports involving a crash, injury, or fatality;
- d. Reports involving a fire;
- e. Property damage claims;
- f. Third-party arbitration proceedings, both pending and closed, where Ford is or was a party to the arbitration; and
- g. Lawsuits, both pending and closed, in which Ford is or was a defendant or codefendant.

For subparts "a" through "g," state the total number of each item (e.g., consumer complaints, field reports, etc.) separately. Multiple incidents involving the same vehicle are to be counted separately. Multiple reports of the same incident are also to be counted separately (i.e., a consumer complaint and a field report involving the same incident in which a crash occurred are to be counted as a crash report, a field report, and a consumer complaint).

In addition, for items "c" through "g," provide a summary description of the alleged problem and causal and contributing factors and Ford's assessment of the problem, with a summary of the significant underlying facts and evidence. For items "f" and "g," identify the parties to the action, as well as the caption, court, docket number, and date on which the complaint or other document initiating the action was filed.

Answer

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).

The requested number of items identified in searches for the alleged defect are provided in the file "RQ24014-1 Request 2 – Figure 1". Ford has not identified any owner reports or legal claims alleging crash, injury, fatality, fire, or damage.

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.

We are providing the requested detailed information, where available, for the responsive and ambiguous lawsuits and claims in our Log of Lawsuits and Claims, provided in Ford's response to Request 3. To the extent available, copies of complaints or first notices relating to matters shown on the log and available information related to items "f" and "g" are provided in Ford's response to Request 4. With regard to these lawsuits and claims, Ford has not contacted outside law firms to obtain additional documentation.

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