

Ford Motor Company

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Ms. Kathleen C. DeMeter, Director
Office of Defects Investigation
Safety Assurance
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Ms. DeMeter:

Subject: Submittal of TREAD report form per 49 CFR, Part 579.

This is to inform you that Ford Motor Company and/or its various subsidiaries and affiliates have decided to conduct one voluntary Safety Recall (AD156) and one Non-Compliance field service action (T504) in foreign countries. Details of these field actions are included in the attached Global Recall Process Field Action report forms.

If you have further questions, please call me.

Sincerely,

R.A. Vondale

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GLOBAL RECALL PROCESS REPORT OF FIELD ACTION

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MVS-215
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DEFECTS INVESTIGATION

MANUFACTURER
Land Rover

TYPE OF ACTION
Safety

FIELD ACTION NUMBER
AD156

SUBJECT
Fuel Tank Vent Rings - Cracking

MAKE, MODEL AND MODEL YEAR AFFECTED

Model	Model Year	
	Begin	End
Land Rover / Range Rover	1993	1996
Land Rover / Discovery	1993	1999

ASSEMBLY PLANTS / DATES OF PRODUCTION

Assembly Plants	OASIS Active	Production Dates		VIN	
		Begin	End	Begin	End
UK - Solihull Assembly - Land Rover	No OASIS	04-MAR-93	19-FEB-96	LH635508	LH864120
UK - Solihull Assembly - Land Rover	No OASIS	02-MAR-93	07-SEP-98	LJ049522	LJ567426

OTHER LIMITING FACTORS

"Substantially Similar" vehicles sold in the US are:
Land Rover Discovery 1990-1999 MY vehicles,
Land Rover Ranger Rover 1988-1995 MY vehicles.

A characterization of the vehicle as "Substantially Similar" is made exclusively for purposes of complying with 49 CFR Part 579 and does not imply that the vehicles are "Substantially Similar" in any other context or for any other purpose, regulatory or otherwise. Also, characterization of a vehicle as "Substantially Similar" in this context specifically does not imply that the vehicle is available for import or sale in the United States.

ESTIMATE NUMBER OF VEHICLES AFFECTED BY MARKET

Market	# Of Vehicles
Japan	11636

ESTIMATED PERCENTAGE OF THE AFFECTED VEHICLES THAT CONTAIN THE SUBJECT CONDITION

0.04%

REASON FOR THIS FIELD ACTION

Possible fuel odor in the vehicle and/or fuel leak underneath vehicle. Under certain circumstances, possibly related to fuel quality or environmental conditions, the fuel tank weld joint for the vent rings may crack. There have been no fires alleged to have resulted from this condition.

NUMBER OF REPORTS OF THE CONDITION

4 Reported Cases
0 Accidents
0 Injuries
0 Fatalities

DESCRIPTION OF THE REMEDY

Replace the fuel tank with a revised level of design.

FIELD ACTION REPORT FORM
FORM LAST REVISED 11-JUL-2001

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