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MR. GREG WAGNER VICE PRESIDENT OF OPERATIONS SPX FILTRAN 875 SEEGERS ROAD DES PLAINES IL 60016-3098 NVS-215kjs 05E-065

Subject: FUEL FILTER LEAKS

Dear MR. WAGNER:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect or noncompliance information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information will be made accessible to the public.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

CARQUEST/86099/9999 CARQUEST/86471/9999 NAPA/3099/9999 NAPA/3471/9999 SPX FILTRAN/800F300-S2/9999 SPX FILTRAN/800F350-S1/9999 WIX/33099/9999 WIX/33471/9999

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05E-065

Mfg's Report Dates: September 21 and October 04, 2005

Potential Number of Units Affected: 42,962

Summary:

CERTAIN SPX FILTRAN FUEL FILTERS WITH A 45-DEGREE ANGLE INLET TUBE, MODEL 800F350-S1, SOLD AS REPLACEMENT FILTERS FOR 1993-1997 FORD PROBE AND 1993-2001 MAZDA PASSENGER VEHICLES. THESE FILTERS ARE PACKAGED AS WIX, NAPA, AND CARQUEST BRAND FUEL FILTERS. ALSO, CERTAIN SPX FILTRAN FUEL FILTERS WITH A 90-DEGREE ANGLE INLET TUBE, MODEL 800F300-S2, SOLD AS REPLACEMENT FILTERS FOR 1993-1994 SUBARU VEHICLES WITH EFI OR TURBO ENGINES. THESE FILTERS ARE PACKAGED AS WIX, NAPA, AND CARQUEST BRAND FUEL FILTERS. FUEL MAY LEAK FROM THE FILTER DUE TO NON-CONFORMING BRAZING WELDS WHERE THE INLET TUBE IS CONNECTED TO THE FILTER CAN.

Consequence:

IN THE PRESENCE OF AN IGNITION SOURCE, A VEHICLE FIRE CAN OCCUR.

Remedy:

SPX WILL NOTIFY ITS CUSTOMERS AND REPLACE THE FILTERS FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL BEGAN SEPTEMBER 16, 2005. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT SPX FILTRAN AT 847-635-6670.

Notes:

CUSTOMERS CAN CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236; (TTY:1-800-424-9153); OR GO TO HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV.

The information in your defect or noncompliance report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6 except for the following item:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Since notification to distributors began September 16, 2005, SPX's first quarterly report will be due by January 30, 2006.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227 or by email at KSCHULER@NHTSA.DOT.GOV. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

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