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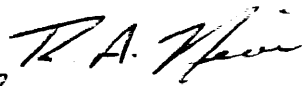
Subject: Ford Recall No. 05S33-- Certain 2005 Model Year Ford F-250 through F-550 pick-up trucks and chassis cab vehicles equipped with 5.4L and 6.8L gasoline engines.

Summary

- Ford Action -- Ford is conducting a voluntary safety recall involving certain 2005 model year F-250 through F-550 pick-up trucks and chassis cab vehicles to install an external retention clip at the fuel jumper line to the main fuel bundle connection to prevent separation.
- Number of Vehicles Involved -- Approximately 78,675 vehicles in the United States and Federalized Territories.
- Effect on Vehicle Operation -- The supplier of the fuel jumper line may have produced a number of fuel lines with an incorrect end form. If a fuel line has a incorrect end form, the fuel line may separate at the connection to the main fuel bundle. If the fuel line separates, an operator may notice a gasoline odor and/or fuel on the ground, loss of power, and the engine will eventually stall. Ford is aware of 90 reports on 75 unique vehicles alleging fuel leaks. There are no reports of accidents, fires or injuries.
- Service Procedure -- Owners will be instructed to take their vehicles to a Ford or Lincoln-Mercury dealer to have an external retention clip installed at the fuel jumper line to the main fuel bundle connection.

Attached is the detailed information required by the applicable portions of 49 CFR Part 573 -- Defect and Non-Compliance Information Report.

Sincerely,



James P. Vondale
Attachment



49 CFR Part 573 -- DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT
05S33-- 2005 MODEL YEAR FORD F-250 THROUGH F-550 PICK UP TRUCK
AND CHASSIS CAB VEHICLES WITH 5.4L/6.8L GASOLINE ENIGNES.

Pursuant to Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Defect and Noncompliance Reports, Ford Motor Company submits the following information concerning a safety recall action that it is voluntarily initiating.

573.6 (c) (2) -- Potentially Affected Vehicles

Vehicles potentially affected are 2005 model year Ford F-250 through F-550 pick-up trucks and chassis cab vehicles with 5.4L and 6.8L gasoline engines built at the Kentucky Truck Plant (KTP) from August 1, 2004 through May 9, 2005.

Because these vehicles are not produced in VIN order, information as to the applicability of this action to specific vehicles can best be obtained by either calling Ford's toll-free line (1-800-392-3673) or by contacting a local Ford dealer who can obtain specific information regarding the vehicles from the Ford On-line Automotive Service Information System (OASIS) database.

573.6 (c) (3) -- Estimated Population of Vehicles Potentially Affected

Approximately 78,675 vehicles in the United States and Federalized Territories.

573.6 (c) (4) -- Estimated Percentage of Affected Vehicles with the Defect Condition

Unknown.

573.6 (c) (5) -- Description of the Defect

The supplier of the fuel jumper line may have produced a number of fuel lines with an incorrect end form. If a fuel line has an incorrect end form, the fuel line may separate at the connection to the main fuel bundle. If the fuel line separates, an operator may notice a gasoline odor and/or fuel on the ground, loss of power, and the engine will eventually stall. Ford is aware of 90 reports on 75 unique vehicles alleging fuel leaks. There are no reports of accidents, fires or injuries.

573.6 (c) (6) -- Chronology of Events

On May 2, 2005 Ford's Enhanced Concern Identification activity identified reports of fuel lines becoming loose and provided this information to Ford engineering. On May 5, 2005 the Ford Critical Concern Review Group was notified that the fuel line supplier may have produced fuel lines with an incorrect end form. An analysis of field return parts found that the dimensional specifications for the end form of the fuel line were not correct. Investigation of supplier data and production dimensional requirements was conducted and determined that the supplier had selected the incorrect end form dimensional requirements from the SAE specification for the material specified.

573.6 (c) (8) -- Service Program

Owners will be instructed to take their vehicles to a Ford or Lincoln-Mercury dealer to have an external retention clip installed at the fuel jumper line to the main fuel bundle connection. There will be no charge to owners for this service. Mailing of owner notification letters will begin June 20, 2005 and be completed on June 20, 2005.

In accordance with Part 573.13 (d)(1), Ford is excluding reimbursement for costs incurred by owners for repair of this problem because Ford's original warranty program would provide for a free repair for this concern for customers.

573.6 (c) (9) -- Press statement and Dealer/Owner Letters

Ford does not at this time plan to make a statement to the media concerning the subject matter of this action. A copy of the notification letters to dealers and owners from Ford will be forwarded to the agency when available.

573.6(c) (11) -- Recall Number

Ford has assigned recall number 05S33 to this action.