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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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JAMES P. VONDALE DIRECTOR, AUTOMOTIVE SAFETY OFFICE FORD MOTOR COMPANY/JAGUAR CARS 330 TOWN CENTER DRIVE SUITE 400 DEARBORN MI 48126-2738 NVS-215 06V-358

Subject: FUEL TANK SEALS

Dear MR. VONDALE:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

### Makes/Models/Model Years:

JAGUAR/XJ/2006-2007

NHTSA Campaign Number: 06V-358

Mfg's Report Date: September 11, 2006

Components: FUEL SYSTEM, GASOLINE:STORAGE:TANK ASSEMBLY

**Potential Number of Units Affected: 6.199** 

# **Summary:**

SOME PASSENGER VEHICLES MAY HAVE FUEL TANKS IN WHICH THE FUEL DELIVERY MODULE (FDM), JET PUMP MODULE (JPM, AND/OR CLUSTER VALVE (CV) SEALS ARE NOT PROPERLY RETAINED IN THE FUEL TANK. THIS MAY RESULT IN ILLUMINATION OF THE MALFUNCTION INDICATOR LAMP (MIL), OR A FUEL ODOR.

## **Consequence:**

IF THE AMOUNT OF FUEL IS ABOVE THE FDM, JPM, OR CV APERTURES, FUEL MAY BE DISCHARGED ONTO THE GROUND. FUEL LEAKAGE IN THE PRESENCE OF AN IGNITION SOURCE COULD RESULT IN A FIRE.

## Remedy:

DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE FUEL TANKS FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 23, 2006. OWNERS MAY CONTACT JAGUAR AT 1-800-452-4827.

#### **Notes:**

JAGUAR RECALL NO. R726. CUSTOMERS MAY ALSO 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.

This recall was the subject of a Preliminary Evaluation, PE06-030, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

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. As stated in your report, owner notification is expected to begin the week of October 23, 2006. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before January 30, 2007.

Your contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at <a href="mailto:patricia.wallace@dot.gov">patricia.wallace@dot.gov</a> or <a href="mailto:delia.lopez@dot.gov">delia.lopez@dot.gov</a>. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

George H. Person

Chief, Recall Management Division

Office of Defects Investigation

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