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PART 573 DEFECT REPORT

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The following information is submitted pursuant to 49 C.F.R. Part 573:73 INVESTIGATION

Manufacturer Identification

Manufacturer: Interfil S.A. de C.V.
Avenida Dos No. 2 Parque Industrial Cartagena
Tultitlan Edo.
Mexico, C.P. 54918

Distributor: Honeywell Consumer Products Group
A division of Honeywell International Inc.
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Product Identification

This recall involves fuel filters manufactured by Interfil in Mexico and sold by Honeywell under the FRAM brand name and part number G3727. These products were intended for aftermarket installation on the vehicle applications listed in the attached table. *Only products with (i) date codes X52911 through X60801 sequentially or X600141 and (ii) a Mexico country of origin marking on the fuel filter housing are subject to this recall. A depiction of the product showing location of the date code and country of origin is attached to this report.*

Recall Population

Honeywell estimates it shipped approximately 88,303 suspect fuel filters that were manufactured from October 18, 2005 through March 21, 2006. Honeywell will recall 100% of the subject parts.

Description of Defect

The connector on the fuel filter was not manufactured to Honeywell's specification. As a result, the O-ring may not seat correctly on the fuel line. This condition may cause an inadequate seal at this connection, potentially leading to a fuel leak.

Chronology of Events

Honeywell received several warranty claims in the U.S. and Canada involving leaking G3727 fuel filters in March 2006. These claims involved reports by installers of a

possible leak (i.e., wetting or dripping) immediately after the aftermarket filter was installed. Honeywell immediately began an investigation of the subject products to determine whether a potential safety defect existed. This investigation revealed that the subject fuel filters were not manufactured to Honeywell's specification and that, as a consequence, the O-ring was not properly engaged, creating a potential for fuel leakage. Based upon this investigation, on May 16, 2006, Honeywell determined to conduct this voluntary safety recall.

There have been no reports of fires, accidents or injuries related to this issue.

Remedy Program

Honeywell will replace the subject fuel filters at no charge to the customer. All affected retailers, wholesale distributors, dealers, installers, and other customers will be advised to immediately return their unsold inventory of the subject fuel filter for a full refund or replacement. Honeywell will also work with its direct customers to attempt to identify and notify other affected distributors and end users.

Pre-Notification Reimbursement

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 577.11(e), Honeywell requests that it be exempt from providing notification of a reimbursement plan. All of the affected products are covered by Honeywell's commercial warranty on the product. Accordingly, no person would be eligible for reimbursement pursuant to § 573.13.

Part 577 Notice Letter and Dealer Notification

Honeywell's draft Part 577 dealer and owner notices are submitted herewith. Also included is a point of sale bulletin that will be enclosed with these notices for posting by dealers at their locations. Honeywell is prepared to proceed with its notification program within five days after NHTSA's review of these communications.

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The part number (G3727), country of origin (Mexico) and the date code (e.g., X60031) are located on the side of the fuel filter.



The UPC number (009100350855) and the part number (G3727) are located on the end of the carton.



The date code (e.g., X60031, Jan 3, 2006), the part number (G3727) and the country of origin (Mexico) are located on the side of the shipping carton.

FRAM G3727 Vehicle Application Table

Automobile Applications		
Make	Model	Years
AM GENERAL	HUMMER	1995 - 1996
BUICK	CENTURY	1984 - 1988
	ELECTRA	1987 - 1990
	LESABRE	1986 - 1991
	REATA	1988 - 1989
	REGAL	1984 - 1991
	RIVIERA	1984 - 1889
	SKYHAWK	1982 - 1989
	SKYLARK	1984 - 1991
	SOMERSET	1985 - 1987
CADILLAC	ALLANTE	1987 - 1992
	CIMARRON	1983 - 1988
	DEVILLE	1986 - 1990
	ELDORADO	1986 - 1989
	ESCALADE	1999 - 2005
	FLEETWOOD	1986 - 1990
	SEVILLE	1986 - 1989
CHEVROLET	ASTRO	1985 - 2005
	AVALANCHE 1500	2002 - 2004
	AVALANCHE 2500	2002 - 2005
	BERETTA	1987 - 1989
	BLAZER	1987 - 1996
	C1500 PICKUP	1988 - 1999
	C1500 SUBURBAN	1992 - 1999
	C2500 PICKUP	1988 - 2000
	C2500 SUBURBAN	1992 - 1999
	C3500 PICKUP	1988 - 2000
	CAMARO	1984 - 1992
	CAPRICE	1985 - 1989
	CAVALIER	1983 - 1991
	CELEBRITY	1984 - 1988
	CITATION	1984 - 1985
	CORSICA	1987 - 1989
	CORVETTE	1985 - 1996
	EL CAMINO	1985 - 1987
	EXPRESS 1500	2003 - 2005
	EXPRESS 2500	2003 - 2005
	EXPRESS 3500	2005
	G10 VAN	1987 - 1995
	G20 VAN	1987 - 1996
	G30 VAN	1987 - 1996
	IMPALA	1985
	K1500 PICKUP	1988 - 1999
	K1500 SUBURBAN	1992 - 1999
	K2500 PICKUP	1988 - 2000
	K2500 SUBURBAN	1992 - 1999
	K3500 PICKUP	1988 - 2000
	LUMINA	1990 - 1991

CHEVROLET	MONTE CARLO	1985 - 1988
	P20 VAN	1987 - 1989
	P30 VAN	1987 - 1999
	R10 SUBURBAN	1987 - 1988
	R1500 SUBURBAN	1989 - 1991
	R20 PICKUP	1987 - 1988
	R20 SUBURBAN	1987 - 1988
	R2500 PICKUP	1989
	R2500 SUBURBAN	1989 - 1991
	R30 PICKUP	1987 - 1988
	R3500 PICKUP	1989 - 1991
	S10 BLAZER	1985 - 1994
	S10 PICKUP	1985 - 1996
	SILVERADO 1500	1999 - 2006
	SILVERADO 1500 HD	2001 - 2005
	SILVERADO 2500	1999 - 2004
	SILVERADO 2500 HD	2001 - 2005
	SILVERADO 3500	2001 - 2005
	SUBURBAN 1500	2000 - 2005
	SUBURBAN 2500	2000 - 2005
	TAHOE	1995 - 2005
	V10 PICKUP	1987
	V10 SUBURBAN	1987 - 1988
	V1500 SUBURBAN	1989 - 1991
	V20 PICKUP	1987
	V20 SUBURBAN	1987 - 1988
V2500 SUBURBAN	1989 - 1991	
V30 PICKUP	1987 - 1988	
V3500 PICKUP	1989 - 1991	
GMC	C1500 PICKUP	1988 - 1999
	C1500 SUBURBAN	1992 - 1999
	C2500 PICKUP	1988 - 2000
	C2500 SUBURBAN	1992 - 1999
	C3500 PICKUP	1988 - 2000
	CABALLERO	1985 - 1987
	G15/G1500 VAN	1987 - 1995
	G25/G2500 VAN	1987 - 1995
	G35/G3500 VAN	1987 - 1996
	K1500 PICKUP	1988 - 1999
	K1500 SUBURBAN	1992 - 1999
	K2500 PICKUP	1988 - 2000
	K2500 SUBURBAN	1992 - 1999
	K3500 PICKUP	1988 - 2000
	P25/P2500 VAN	1988 - 1989
	P35/P3500 VAN	1987 - 1999
	R1500 PICKUP	1987
	R1500 SUBURBAN	1987 - 1991
	R2500 PICKUP	1987 - 1989
	R2500 SUBURBAN	1987 - 1991
	R3500 PICKUP	1987 - 1991
	S15 JIMMY	1985 - 1994
S15 PICKUP	1985 - 1990	

GMC	SAFARI	1985 - 2005
	SAVANA 1500	2003 - 2005
	SAVANA 2500	2003 - 2005
	SAVANA 3500	1999 - 2005
	SIERRA 1500	1999 - 2005
	SIERRA 1500 HD	2001 - 2005
	SIERRA 2500	1999 - 2004
	SIERRA 2500 HD	2001 - 2005
	SIERRA 3500	2001 - 2005
	SIERRA C3	2001
	SIERRA DENALI	2002 - 2006
	SONOMA	1991 - 1996
	SYCLONE	1991
	TYPHOON	1992 - 1993
	V1500 PICKUP	1987
	V1500 SUBURBAN	1987 - 1991
	V2500 PICKUP	1987
	V2500 SUBURBAN	1987 - 1991
	V3500 PICKUP	1987 - 1991
	YUKON	1992 - 2005
YUKON DENALI	2005	
YUKON DENALI XL	2005	
YUKON XL 1500	2000 - 2005	
YUKON XL 2500	2000 - 2005	
ISUZU	HOMBRE	1996
JAGUAR	S-TYPE	2000 - 2001
	VANDEN PLAS	1990 - 2003
	XJ12	1994 - 1996
	XJ6	1991 - 1997
	XJ8	1998 - 2004
	XJR	1995 - 2004
	XJRS	1993
	XJS	1992 - 1996
	XK8	1997 - 2004
XKR	2000 - 2004	
LAND ROVER	DEFENDER 110	1993
	DEFENDER 90	1994 - 1997
	DISCOVERY	1994 - 2004
	RANGE ROVER	1990 - 2002
OLDSMOBILE	98	1986 - 1990
	BRAVADA	1991 - 1996
	CALAIS	1985 - 1987
	CUTLASS CALAIS	1988 - 1991
	CUTLASS CIERA	1984 - 1988
	CUTLASS SUPREME	1988 - 1991
	DELTA 88	1986 - 1991
	FIRENZA	1982 - 1988
	OMEGA	1984
TORONADO	1986 - 1989	
PONTIAC	6000	1984 - 1989
	BONNEVILLE	1986 - 1991
	FIERO	1984 - 1988

PONTIAC	FIREBIRD	1984 - 1992
	GRAND AM	1985 - 1991
	GRAND PRIX	1986 - 1991
	J2000	1982 - 1984
	LEMANS	1988 - 1993
	PARISIENNE	1985 - 1986
	PHOENIX	1984
	SUNBIRD	1985 - 1991

Bus Applications	
Make	Engine Description
BLUEBIRD	GM 7.4L Gas Eng.
BLUEBIRD	GM V8-366 Gas Eng.
BLUEBIRD	GENERAL MOTORS V8-8.1L Eng.
BLUEBIRD	GM 5.7L Gas Eng.
BLUEBIRD	GENERAL MOTORS V8-6.0L Vortec Eng.
BLUEBIRD	GENERAL MOTORS V8-4.8L Vortec Eng.
CARPENTER	GM V8-366 Gas Eng.
CARPENTER	GM 5.7L Gas Eng.
COLLINS	GM 5.7L Gas Eng.
COLLINS	GENERAL MOTORS V8-6.0L Vortec Eng.
COLLINS	GENERAL MOTORS V8-4.8L Vortec Eng.
COLLINS	GENERAL MOTORS V8-8.1L Eng.
MID BUS	GM 5.7L Gas Eng.
MID BUS	GENERAL MOTORS V8-6.0L Vortec Eng.
MID BUS	GENERAL MOTORS V8-4.8L Vortec Eng.
MID BUS	GENERAL MOTORS V8-8.1L Eng.
THOMAS BUS	GM V8-366 Gas Eng.
THOMAS BUS	GM 5.7L Gas Eng.
THOMAS BUS	GENERAL MOTORS V8-6.0L Vortec Eng.
THOMAS BUS	GENERAL MOTORS V8-4.8L Vortec Eng.
THOMAS BUS	GENERAL MOTORS V8-8.1L Eng.
WAYNE BUS	GM 5.7L Gas Eng.
GIRARDIN	GM 5.7L Gas Eng.
GIRARDIN	GENERAL MOTORS V8-6.0L Vortec Eng.
GIRARDIN	GENERAL MOTORS V8-4.8L Vortec Eng.
U.S. BUS	GENERAL MOTORS V8-6.0L Vortec Eng.
U.S. BUS	GENERAL MOTORS V8-8.1L Eng.
ELDORADO	GENERAL MOTORS V8-6.0L Vortec Eng.
ELDORADO	GENERAL MOTORS V8-8.1L Eng.
STARTRANS	GENERAL MOTORS V8-6.0L Vortec Eng.
STARTRANS	GENERAL MOTORS V8-8.1L Eng.
STARTRANS	GENERAL MOTORS V8-8.1L Eng.
TURTLE TOP	GENERAL MOTORS V8-6.0L Vortec Eng.
TURTLE TOP	GENERAL MOTORS V8-8.1L Eng.
CORBEIL BUS	GM 5.7L Gas Eng.
GLAVAL BUS	GENERAL MOTORS V8-8.1L Eng.
GSHN COACH	GENERAL MOTORS V8-6.0L Vortec Eng.
GSHN COACH	GENERAL MOTORS V8-8.1L Eng.
COACH EQUIP	GM 5.7L Gas Eng.
COACH EQUIP	GM 7.4L Gas Eng.
COACH EQUIP	GENERAL MOTORS V8-8.1L Eng.