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Mr. Daniel C. Smith
Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, S.W., Room 5321
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Dear Mr. Smith:

Subject: Amendment to Ford Motor Company's (Ford) Notification Letter for Jaguar Cars
(Jaguar) Recall No. R176—Certain 2005 Jaguar S-TYPE Petrol Fuel Tanks

This is an amendment to Ford's October 23, 2006, 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Non-Compliance notification regarding Recall No. R176 – 2005 model year Jaguar S-TYPE vehicles. Information in the 573.6 (c) (8) Service Program section is being revised to provide revised timing and remedy information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. A. Vondale".

James P. Vondale
Attachment



49 CFR Part 573 – DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT
R176 – Certain 2005 Model Year Jaguar S-Type Vehicles

Pursuant to Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Defect and Noncompliance Reports, Ford submits the following information amending that previously provided concerning a safety recall action that its wholly owned subsidiary, Jaguar, is voluntarily initiating.

573.6 (c) (8) Service Program

In the October 23, 2006, notification letter, it was stated that Jaguar would notify owners from December 4, 2006, through December 22, 2006. Regrettably, Jaguar is unable to obtain a sufficient supply of fuel tank assemblies to support this timing for the following reasons:

- The replacement fuel tank assembly for the S-TYPE recall repair is not currently used in production, and the time required for re-validation of the fuel tank design and assembly was not taken into consideration when the original timing plan to supply the tanks was developed.
- The procurement of all sub-assembly components, e.g., the fuel pump and jet pump modules and wiring harnesses, has taken considerably longer than would be the case for a production level tank. The suppliers of these components have had facilities in place to manufacture only the small volumes required to support the low levels of service requirements. Additional production lines have been or are being installed at the suppliers to support the higher volumes demanded by this recall. Manufacturing capability of these additional lines is being evaluated.

The fuel tanks are being air freighted to the United States from England, and availability of transportation for those tanks that have been manufactured for the recall is being hampered by the demands of the holiday season.

For the reasons stated above, Jaguar now plans to notify owners from January 29, 2007, through March 30, 2007.

Further, in the October 23, 2006, letter, it was stated that: "Dealers will be instructed to replace the fuel tanks on the affected vehicles." This statement is amended to: "Dealers will be instructed to inspect fuel tanks to determine if revised seals may be used to repair the vehicle. If not, dealers will then be instructed to replace the entire fuel tank assembly."

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