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Mr. Daniel C. Smith
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Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Mr. Smith:

Subject: Jaguar Recall No R177 -- Jaguar S-TYPE 07 Model Year Low Emission Vehicle (LEV) II Prototype Fuel Tanks

Summary

Action – Jaguar Cars Limited (Jaguar), which is an affiliate of Ford Motor Company (Ford), is conducting a voluntary safety recall involving certain 2007 model year Jaguar S-TYPE vehicles built at the Castle Bromwich (UK) Assembly Plant from September 28, 2006, through October 13, 2006 to have the fuel tank replaced.

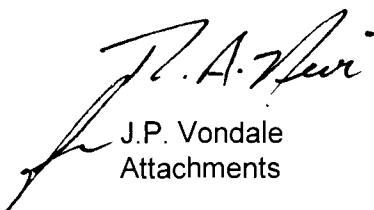
Number of Vehicles Involved – Nine vehicles in the United States and Federalized Territories.

Affect on Vehicle Operation – The affected vehicles were inadvertently released after being assembled with prototype fuel tanks that were produced for test purposes only. The tanks were manufactured with processes that vary significantly from regular production. The durability of these prototype fuel tanks has not been validated and is unknown.

Service Program – Dealers will be instructed to replace the fuel tanks on the affected vehicles.

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

Sincerely,


J.P. Vondale
Attachments



49 CFR Part 573 - DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT
RECALL R177 – Certain 2007 Model Year Jaguar S-TYPE – Prototype Fuel Tanks

Pursuant to Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Defect and Noncompliance Reports, Ford submits the following information concerning a safety recall action that is being initiated voluntarily by Jaguar.

573.6 (c) (2) - Potentially Affected Vehicles

Certain 2007 model year Jaguar S-TYPE vehicles built at the Castle Bromwich (UK) Assembly Plant from September 28, 2006, through to October 13, 2006, selected vehicles within VIN range SAJWA01A37FN76897 to SAJWA01B87HN77878, are potentially affected. These vehicles are being withheld from sale at Jaguar dealerships. None are in the hands of customers.

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

Nine vehicles in the United States and Federalized Territories.

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

100%

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

The affected vehicles were inadvertently released after being assembled with prototype fuel tanks that were produced for test purposes only. The tanks were manufactured with processes that vary significantly from regular production. The durability of these prototype fuel tanks has not been validated and is unknown.

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

On November 2, 2006, the Jaguar Critical Concerns Review Group (CCRG) was made aware that a small number of vehicles had inadvertently left the plant fitted with prototype fuel tanks of unknown durability. The CCRG requested that vehicles outside of Jaguar's direct control be held from onward distribution and sale. To achieve this, a Vehicle Quarantine Notice was issued on November 2, 2006 instructing that 112 vehicles be held from onward distribution from Ports of Entry. This Quarantine Notice was extended to retailers to cease the sales of the small number of vehicles outside of Jaguar's direct control.

The investigation was considered at Jaguar's Technical Review Group on November 7, and November 16, 2006 where potential failure modes and the scope of the affected vehicle population were reviewed.

At the Jaguar Field Review Committee of November 17, 2006, Jaguar management decided to voluntarily recall these vehicles to replace the fuel tanks.

573.6 (c) (8) Service Program

Dealers will be instructed to replace the fuel tanks on the affected vehicles. No affected vehicles have been released to customers, so no owner letters are required. Jaguar plans to notify dealers immediately.

In accordance with Part 573.13 (d)(1), Jaguar is excluding reimbursement for costs incurred by owners for repair of this problem because no vehicles have been released to customers.

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

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

573.6 (c) (11) -- Recall Number

Jaguar has assigned recall number R177 to this action.