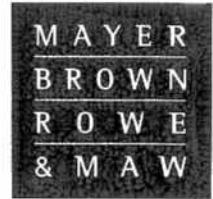


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Re: Ferrari Part 573 Defect Information Report: MY  
2005 and 2006 Ferrari 430 Coupe & Spider  
Vehicles with Manual Six-Speed Transmissions:  
Clutch Union

06V-478  
(8 pages)

Dear Ms. DeMeter:

Through the undersigned counsel, Ferrari North America, Inc. ("FNA") is submitting the enclosed Defect Information Report pursuant to 49 C.F.R. Part 573. We also are enclosing a draft customer notification for your review, as well as a draft dealer notification.

If you have any questions, please not hesitate to contact Adam Rowley of FNA at (201) 816-2600, or me at the phone number, address, or e-mail address listed on this letter.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'AS', written over a horizontal line.

Adam C. Sloane

Enclosures

cc: Ms. Patricia Wallace

## DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT

Ferrari North America, Inc. ("FNA") has determined that a defect that relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain Model Year 2005 and 2006 Ferrari F430 Coupe & Spider vehicles with manual six-speed transmissions. FNA is providing this notification in accordance with 49 C.F.R. Part 573.

The supplier has informed Ferrari S.p.A that the union that was manufactured for the clutch pump does not meet the specification mandated by Ferrari S.p.A. This non-conforming union which is part of the clutch pump may cause a hair-line crack to form under normal operating conditions due to heat, which may result in fluid leakage from the braking/clutch hydraulic system. Such leakage, in turn, may cause the braking/clutch hydraulic system fluid level warning light to illuminate and, if not addressed, ultimately may affect the functionality of the clutch control pedal, resulting in a loss of gear-shifting capability. It is FNA's understanding that the warning light will illuminate before fluid loss results in a reduction in gear-shifting capability.

Accordingly, as set forth below, FNA will provide notification and a free remedy to all customers. In addition, as an added measure, FNA will replace, at no charge to the customers, the seal ring, rubber hose and screw collars that are attached to the union.

The information that is required by your regulation follows:

1. *Manufacturer's Name and Address.*

The fabricating manufacturer (*see* 49 CFR § 573.6(c)(1)) is Ferrari S.p.A. The designated entity pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30164(a), which also is making this report, is:

Ferrari North America, Inc.  
250 Sylvan Avenue  
Englewood Cliffs, N.J. 07632

2. *Vehicles Involved in this Notification.*

The affected vehicles consist of all Model Year 2005 - 2006 Ferrari F430 Coupe & Spider vehicles with manual six-speed transmissions in the VIN range: ZFFEW59A550144360 to ZFFEW59A560149625.

3. *Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Containing the Defect.*

The total population of potentially affected Model Year 2005 - 2006 Ferrari F430 Coupe & Spider vehicles with manual six-speed transmissions not in FNA's custody and control is approximately 216 vehicles.

4. *Approximate Percentage of Vehicles Estimated to Contain the Defect.*

FNA will provide the remedy for all vehicles in the designated population, because it is impossible for FNA to ascertain which vehicles may have the non-conforming union.

5. *Description of the Defect.*

The defect involves the presence of a non-conforming 90 degree union. The supplier has informed Ferrari S.p.A that the union manufactured for the clutch pump does not meet the specification mandated by Ferrari S.p.A. This non-conforming union may cause a hair-line crack under normal operating conditions due to heat, thereby resulting in fluid leakage from the braking/clutch hydraulic system. This, in turn, may cause the braking/clutch hydraulic system fluid level warning light to illuminate, and, if not addressed, could ultimately affect the functionality of the clutch control pedal, resulting in a loss of gear-shifting capability.

6. *Chronology of Events Leading to this Defect Determination.*

On or about December 4, 2006, FNA regulatory personnel learned of the presence of this non-conforming union. After consulting with Ferrari S.p.A. personnel in Italy, FNA and Ferrari S.p.A. concluded that the presence of the non-conforming union could pose a risk to motor vehicle safety because it may cause a hair-line crack under normal operating conditions that could result in fluid leakage from the braking/clutch hydraulic system, thereby affecting the vehicles' gear-shifting capability. FNA understands that Ferrari S.p.A. has begun a safety recall campaign to address this problem outside the United States.

7. *Description of Proposed Remedy.*

FNA will provide a notification and free remedy to customers. FNA will send a notice to all customers informing them about the issue and requesting that they bring in their vehicles for a free remedy, which will consist in the replacement of the non-conforming union with a new and improved 90 degree union in order to eliminate the possibility of any future hair-line cracks. Although FNA believes that replacing the main part (90 degree union) will fully address the issue, FNA also will replace, at no charge to the customers, the seal ring, rubber hose and screw collars that are attached to the 90 degree union. This measure will be undertaken as soon as the appropriate parts become available (approximately two weeks).

Finally, with regard to reimbursement for pre-notification remedies, FNA has not been apprised of any instances in which an owner of an affected vehicle has sought or obtained a pre-notification remedy for this issue. Further, it is extremely unlikely that any customers have done so. Moreover, all the vehicles subject to this action are under warranty, and, therefore, customers would not have incurred any costs in connection with this defect. For these reasons, FNA believes that the requirements of 49 C.F.R. §§ 573.6(c)(8), 573.13(c), and 577.11 to provide notification to owners that they may be

eligible to receive reimbursement for the cost of obtaining a pre-notification remedy of a problem associated with this defect are inapplicable to this recall.

8. *Campaign Schedule and Draft Notices.*

FNA expects to begin the customer notification within 14 days. FNA is submitting customer notifications to NHTSA for review with this letter.

FNA expects to begin notifying dealers within 7 business days. A copy of FNA's draft dealer notification is attached.

9. *Representative Copies of Notifications that Relate to the Defect and Have Been Sent to More than One Manufacturer, Distributor, Dealer, or Purchaser.*

There are no notices, bulletins, or other communications that relate directly to the defect and have been sent by FNA to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser.

10. *Manufacturers' Campaign Number.*

The manufacturer's campaign number is 46.

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If you have any questions, please contact Adam Rowley at (201) 816-2600.

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December \_\_, 2006

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Serial Number: «VIN» «ASSY»

Dear Ferrari Customer:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Ferrari S.p.A., the manufacturer of Ferrari automobiles, has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain Model Year 2005 - 2006 Ferrari F430 Coupe & Spider vehicles with manual six-speed transmissions.

The defect involves the presence of a non-conforming right-angle union in the clutch pump. The non-conformity may cause a hair-line crack to form under normal conditions due to heat, which may result in fluid leakage from the braking/clutch hydraulic system. This leakage, in turn, will cause the braking/clutch hydraulic system fluid level warning light to illuminate and, if not remedied, could ultimately affect the functionality of the clutch control pedal, resulting in a reduction in the driver's ability to shift gears while driving, rendering the vehicle inoperable and, possibly, resulting in a crash.

If the braking/clutch hydraulic system fluid level warning light illuminates, please stop driving the vehicle immediately and avoid driving it until the repairs described below have been performed.

The vehicles affected are as follows:

Model Year 2005 - 2006 Ferrari F430 Coupe & Spider M6 in the VIN range:  
ZFFEW59A550144360 to ZFFEW59A560149625.

The remedy for this problem consists in replacing the non-conforming union for the clutch. In addition, as an added measure, FNA will replace the seal ring, rubber hose and screw collars that are attached to the union.

Because your vehicle is among those affected with the above condition, we ask you to contact any Authorized Ferrari Dealer immediately in order to arrange for an inspection of your automobile and to have the corrective action performed.

The corrective actions for above-listed repair will be performed free of charge to you and will require approximately three (3) hours to complete at the dealer. Please plan, however, to leave your vehicle with the dealership to allow the dealer some flexibility for scheduling your repairs.

By the time you receive this letter, the Authorized Ferrari Dealers will have been supplied with the parts and the instructions to perform the repair. If the Dealer fails or is unable to make the necessary repairs free of charge within a reasonable time, or if you have any problem obtaining the needed repair, you may should inform the national headquarters of Ferrari North America, Inc. at:

Ferrari North America, Inc.  
250 Sylvan Avenue  
Englewood Cliffs, NJ 07632  
**(201) 816-2600 (National Technical Office)**

If you believe that Ferrari has failed to remedy the defect described in this letter free of charge to you and within a reasonable time, you may submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20590; or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>

Federal regulation requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten working days.

If you no longer own this vehicle or your address has changed, please complete the enclosed prepaid yellow card and return it to Ferrari North America, Inc.

We urge you to comply with this notice promptly and we apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you.

Best Regards,

Adam Rowley  
Vice President of Technical Services

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Dear Ferrari Dealer:

Ferrari S.p.A., the manufacturer of Ferrari automobiles, has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain Model Year 2005 - 2006 Ferrari F430 Coupe & Spider vehicles with manual six-speed (M6) transmissions.

The defect involves the presence of a non conforming right-angle union in the clutch pump. This non-conformity may cause a hair-line crack to form under normal conditions due to heat, resulting in fluid leakage from the braking/clutch hydraulic system. This leakage, in turn, will cause the braking/clutch hydraulic system fluid level warning light to illuminate and may affect the functionality of the clutch control pedal, making it impossible to shift gear.

The vehicles affected are as follows:

Model Year 2005 - 2006 Ferrari F430 Coupe & Spider M6 in the VIN range:  
ZFFEW59A550144360 to ZFFEW59A560149625.

The corrective action for the issue will include the replacement of the right-angle union in the clutch pump and, as an added measure, the replacement of the seal ring, rubber hose and screw collars that are attached to the union. This corrective action will be performed without charge to the vehicle owner. This repair takes approximately 3.0 hours to complete.

We will soon be sending notices to all owners of affected vehicles, advising them of this problem and requesting that they contact any Authorized Ferrari Dealer for the repairs, as per the attached notification letter.

By the time the customer receives his/her notification letter, the FNA Parts Department will have been supplied with the parts and necessary instructions to make the parts available to you.

Upon transmittal of the repair under the normal warranty system, we will of course reimburse you for the parts and the labor necessary to carry out this campaign (recall campaign no. 46).

If you have any of the affected vehicle in your stock, Federal law prohibits you from selling them until you have performed the necessary repairs. If you have already sold any vehicles within the range of VIN numbers specified above and have not yet sent in the new owner information to FNA, please do so at once so that we may notify these owners.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Best Regards,

Adam Rowley  
Vice President of Technical Services