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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: Ford Motor Company (Ford) Recall No. 07C16 - Certain 2007 Model Year Crown Victoria and Grand Marquis - Brake Line Misrouting

Summary

- Ford Action - Ford is conducting a voluntary compliance recall involving certain 2007 model year Crown Victoria and Grand Marquis models to inspect the brake line routing and, if necessary, reroute the brake lines.
- Number of Vehicles Involved - Approximately 630 vehicles in the United States and federalized territories.
- Description of Non-Compliance - Ford's brake line supplier inadvertently misassembled brake line bundles in two shipments of brake lines sent to the St. Thomas Assembly Plant (STAP). The misassembled brake line bundles, if fitted to vehicles, would apply brake pressure intended for the right rear wheel to the right front wheel and vice versa. As compliance with FMVSS 135 for vehicles in this condition has not been evaluated, Ford, in an abundance of caution, will reroute the brake lines.
- Service Program - Ford notified dealers to stop demonstrating or delivering the affected vehicles until vehicle inspections are performed and brake lines are rerouted as appropriate. Ford will notify owners and instruct them to take their vehicles to a Ford or Lincoln-Mercury dealer for brake line inspection and, if necessary, brake line rerouting.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. A. Vondale".

James P. Vondale

Attachment



49 CFR Part 573 - NON-COMPLIANCE INFORMATION REPORT
07C16 - 2007 MODEL YEAR FORD CROWN VICTORIA AND
GRAND MARQUIS MODELS

Pursuant to Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Defect and Noncompliance Reports, Ford Motor Company (Ford) submits the following information concerning a potential noncompliance to the requirements of FMVSS 135 for certain 2007 model year Crown Victoria and Grand Marquis models.

573.6 (c) (2) - Potentially Affected Vehicles

Certain Crown Victoria and Grand Marquis models equipped with Anti-lock Brake Systems (ABS) built from March 30, 2007, through April 4, 2007, at the St. Thomas Assembly Plant are potentially affected.

Because these vehicles are not produced in VIN order, information as to the applicability of this action to specific vehicles can best be obtained by either calling Ford's toll-free line (1-800-392-3673) or by contacting a local Ford dealer who can obtain specific information regarding the vehicles from the Ford On-line Automotive Service Information System (OASIS) database.

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

Approximately 630 vehicles in the United States and federalized territories.

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

Approximately two percent of the affected vehicles will need to have the brake lines rerouted.

573.6 (c) (5) - Description of Non-Compliance

Ford's brake line supplier inadvertently misassembled brake line bundles in two shipments of brake lines sent to the St. Thomas Assembly Plant (STAP). The misassembled brake line bundles, if fitted to vehicles, would apply brake pressure to the right front wheel that would normally be intended for the right rear wheel and vice versa. Compliance with FMVSS 135 for vehicles in this condition has not been established. However, braking performance may be adversely affected, including the potential for increased stopping distances.

As of April 24, 2007 there are no known reports of accidents or injuries attributed to this condition.

573.6 (c) (7) - Basis of Non-Compliance Determination

Although Ford does not have direct evidence that the subject vehicles with the brake lines in the misrouted configuration are not in compliance with FMVSS 135, in an abundance of caution, Ford will perform a service program on the affected vehicles.

573.6 (c) (8) - Service Program

Ford notified dealers to stop demonstrating or delivering the affected vehicles until vehicle inspections are performed and brake lines are rerouted, as appropriate. Ford will notify owners and instruct them to take their vehicles to a Ford or Lincoln-Mercury dealer for brake line inspection and, if necessary, rerouting.

There will be no charge to owners for this service. Mailing of owner notification letters will be conducted on May 3, 2007. Notification to dealers took place on April 20, 2007.

In accordance with Part 573.13 (d)(1), Ford is excluding reimbursement for costs incurred by owners for repair of this problem because Ford's original warranty program would provide for a free repair for this concern for customers.

573.6 (c) (11) - Press statement and Dealer/Owner Letters

Ford 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 Ford will be forwarded when available.

573.6 (c) (12) - Recall Number

Ford has assigned recall number 07C16 to this action.