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Dear Mr. Smith:

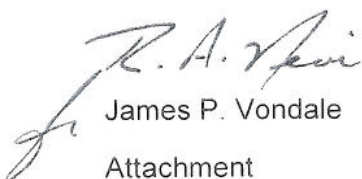
Subject: Ford Motor Company (Ford) Recall No. 08S05 - Certain 2005 and 2006 Model Year Ford F-150 and Lincoln Mark LT vehicles with the 5.4L 3-valve engine.

Summary

- Ford Action - Ford is conducting a voluntary safety recall involving certain 2005 and 2006 model year Ford F-150 and Lincoln Mark LT vehicles equipped with the 5.4L 3-valve engine to replace a rubber hose on the brake booster vacuum supply tube assembly.
- Number of Vehicles Involved - Approximately 605,684 vehicles in the United States and federalized territories.
- Effect on Vehicle Operation - The brake booster vacuum supply hose attached to the intake manifold fitting may swell over time and lose retention force. This condition could allow the hose to become detached from the fitting during an intake manifold backfire. Should the hose detach from the intake manifold, several brake applications with power assist will be available before the vacuum reserve is depleted. Once the brake booster vacuum reserve is depleted, the driver will have foundation brake function, but with increased brake pedal effort. There are no reports of injuries related to this condition.
- Service Procedure - Owners will be notified and instructed to take their vehicles to a Ford or Lincoln/Mercury dealer for replacement of a rubber hose on the brake booster vacuum supply tube assembly.

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

Sincerely,


James P. Vondale
Attachment

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49 CFR Part 573 -- DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT
08S05 – CERTAIN 2005 AND 2006 MODEL YEAR FORD F-150 AND LINCOLN MARK LT
VEHICLES WITH 5.4L 3-VALVE ENGINE – BRAKE BOOSTER VACUUM HOSE

Pursuant to Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Defect and Non-compliance Reports, Ford Motor Company (Ford) submits the following information concerning a safety recall action that it is voluntarily initiating.

573.6 (c) (2) - Potentially Affected Vehicles

Vehicles potentially affected are certain 2005 and 2006 model year Ford F-150 and Lincoln Mark LT vehicles equipped with the 5.4L 3-valve engine, built at the Dearborn Truck Plant (DTP) from July 18, 2004, through May 31, 2006, the Kansas City Assembly Plant (KCAP) from May 4, 2004, through May 31, 2006, and Norfolk Truck Plant (NTP) from April 19, 2004, through May 31, 2006.

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 (1-866-436-7332) or by contacting a local Ford or Lincoln/Mercury 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 605,684 vehicles in the United States and federalized territories.

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

Unknown.

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

The brake booster vacuum supply hose attached to the intake manifold fitting may swell over time and lose retention force. This condition could allow the hose to become detached from the fitting during an intake manifold backfire. Should the hose detach from the intake manifold, several brake applications with power assist will be available before the vacuum reserve is depleted. Once the brake booster vacuum reserve is depleted, the driver will have foundation brake function, but with increased brake pedal effort.

573.6 (c) (6) - Chronology of Events

During fourth quarter of 2005, Ford investigated reports of loss of power brake assist on 2005 and 2006 model year F-150 vehicles equipped with the 5.4L 3-valve engine. The issue was reviewed with Ford Product Development and a vacuum hose clamp was introduced at Windsor Engine Plant in mid-May 2006, (2004 model year production used a clamp in this position, but was eliminated during assembly process changes). Evaluation of vehicle effect found that several brake applications with power assist will be available before the vacuum reserve is depleted, and that foundation brakes remain fully functional after vacuum reserve has been depleted. Further, Ford had received no allegations of accidents or injuries related to the condition at that time.

On January 9, 2008, NHTSA opened a Preliminary Evaluation regarding lack of power brake assist in 2004 through 2006 model year F-150 vehicles. In the course of its investigation, Ford identified 4,842 reports within the warranty, field report and customer complaint systems that allege lack of power brake assist due to a detached brake booster vacuum tube hose. Additionally, Ford identified 11 reports that allege some type of low speed accident such as contact with a garage door, gate, or other vehicle. Ford identified no reports of injuries related to this condition.

573.6 (c) (8) - Service Program

Owners will be notified and instructed to take their vehicles to a Ford or Lincoln/Mercury dealer for replacement of a rubber hose on the brake booster vacuum supply tube assembly. There will be no charge to owners for this service.

Mailing of owner notification letters will begin on July 7, 2008, and be completed on August 1, 2008. Notification to Dealers will occur on June 30, 2008.

Ford's general reimbursement plan for the cost of remedies paid for by vehicle owners prior to notification of a safety recall was provided to the agency on February 28, 2007.

573.6 (c) (10) - Press statement and Dealer/Owner Letters

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

573.6 (c) (11) - Recall Number

Ford has assigned recall number 08S05 to this action.

573.13 (c) (2) - Ending date for reimbursement Eligibility

The ending date for reimbursement eligibility for cost of remedies paid for by vehicle owners per Ford's general reimbursement plan is August 11, 2008.