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Dear Mr. Smith:

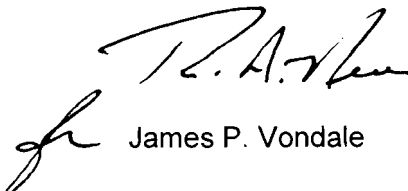
Subject: Jaguar Recall Number J007 – 2009 Model Year Jaguar XF Vehicles for Rear Safety Belt D-Ring Rotation

Ford Motor Company (Ford) is submitting the attached 49 CFR Part 573 – Defect and Non-Compliance Information Report on behalf of Jaguar; a previously wholly-owned subsidiary of Ford that was sold to Tata Motors Limited on June 2, 2008.

Summary

- Action – Jaguar is conducting a voluntary safety recall involving 2009 model year Jaguar XF vehicles built at the Castle Bromwich (UK) Assembly Plant from October 22, 2007 through to May 22, 2008 to reduce the force necessary for the rear safety belt D-ring to rotate in the event of a crash.
- Number of Vehicles Involved – 7,918 XF vehicles in the United States and Federalized Territories.
- Effect on Vehicle Operation – Inspection has indicated that the outboard rear safety belt D-ring assemblies on the vehicle may require higher than expected force before rotation on the anchorage mounting bolt occurs or may not rotate at all. In the event of a medium to high severity vehicle impact the inability of the D-ring to rotate may change the performance of the rear safety belt system.
- Service Program – Dealers will be instructed to inspect the rear safety belt D-ring assemblies for proper rotation. If the D-ring does not rotate properly, the dealer will remove the D-ring assembly, clear the D-ring or the washer of any burrs and refit the D-ring assembly. There will be no charge to owners for this inspection and possible repair.

Sincerely,

  
James P. Vondale



49 CFR Part 573 - DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT  
RECALL J007 – 2009 Model Year Jaguar XF vehicles

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

573.6 (c) (2) - Potentially Affected Vehicles

2009 model year Jaguar XF vehicles built at the Castle Bromwich (UK) Assembly Plant from October 22, 2007, through to May 22, 2008, within VIN range SAJAA051497R00019 to SAJAC061197R22438 are potentially affected.

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

Approximately 7,918 XF vehicles in the United States and Federalized Territories.

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

Unknown

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

A potential concern has been identified with the installation process of both outboard rear safety belt D-ring assemblies on a number of 2009 Model Year Jaguar XF vehicles. The rear safety belt D-ring assembly may not rotate properly around the safety belt anchorage mounting bolt. The D-ring assembly is made up of a 'sandwich' of D-ring, spacer, washer and bolt, held in place with a paper washer. If the assembly is not held together when tightening, the D-ring and / or washer can separate from the shoulder of the spacer, allowing these parts to be partially clamped by the spacer, forming a burr on either the D-ring or the washer and subsequently limiting proper rotation of the D-ring. This may occur if the assembly operator hand starts the fastener and does not hold the assembly together tightly.

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

On May 22, 2008, Jaguar's manufacturing plant at Castle Bromwich issued a Stop Shipment notification for functional concerns with the left hand rear safety belt D-ring on Jaguar XF vehicles. A plant sweep of vehicles revealed that 232 of the 754 vehicles inspected had non-properly rotating D-rings. A further review found 15 additional vehicles at the exit port with the same condition. The D-rings were uninstalled, a burr on the D-ring or washer removed, and then the D-ring assemblies were re-installed to correct the concern.

On June 10, 2008, the subject was reviewed. It was determined that both left hand and right hand rear safety belt D-rings were affected on U.S. port stock. An engineering investigation was initiated.

On June 26, 2008, the subject was again reviewed and it was recommended that it be forwarded to the Technical Review Group (TRG).

On July 2, 2008, the subject was reviewed by Jaguar's TRG.

On July 16, 2008, the subject was again reviewed by Jaguar's TRG and the decision was made to forward it to the Field Review Committee.

On July 25, 2008, Jaguar decided to voluntarily conduct a safety recall for the vehicles to inspect the rear safety belt D-rings and repair, if necessary.

Jaguar is not aware of any customer reports of injuries attributed to this condition.

573.6 (c) (8) Service Program

Owners will be notified and instructed to take their vehicles to a Jaguar dealer to have the outboard rear safety belt D-rings inspected. If necessary, the D-ring assembly will be removed and any burrs on the D-ring or washer filed flat. The D-ring assembly will then be reinstalled to correct the condition. There will be no charge to owners for this inspection and possible repair.

Mailing of owner notification letters will occur during the week of August 25, 2008. Notification to dealers will occur on August 6, 2008.

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 J007 to this action.