



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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Washington, DC 20590

December 15, 2009

MR. JAMES P. VONDALE  
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FORD MOTOR COMPANY  
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NVS-215dgl  
09V-476

Subject: INOPERATIVE REAR LAMPS

Dear MR. VONDALE:

This letter serves to acknowledge Ford Motor Company's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall campaign which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the vehicles listed below.

Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

**Makes/Models/Model Years:**

FORD/F-650/2009

FORD/F-750/2009

**Mfg's Report Date:** December 7, 2009

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 09V-476

**Components:** EXTERIOR LIGHTING

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 42

**Summary:**

FORD IS RECALLING MODEL YEARS 2009 F-650 AND F750 TRUCKS. THE CHASSIS WIRE HARNESS MAY HAVE BEEN ASSEMBLED WITHOUT A CONNECTOR SEAL. IF THIS SEAL IS MISSING, THE CONNECTOR TERMINALS MAY CORRODE AFFECTING THE PROPER ILLUMINATION OF THE VEHICLE'S REAR BRAKE LAMPS, TAIL LAMPS, TURN SIGNAL LAMPS OR TRAILER LAMPS (IF EQUIPPED.) ALSO, THE FUNCTION OF THE ANTI-LOCK BRAKE SYSTEM MAY BE AFFECTED.

**Consequence:**

INOPERATIVE LAMPS MAY INCREASE THE RISK OF A CRASH.

**Remedy:**

DEALERS WILL INSPECT THE CONNECTOR AND REPAIR THE MAIN AND REAR CHASSIS WIRE HARNESS IF NECESSARY. A MISSING SEAL WILL BE REPLACED AND ELECTRICAL GREASE APPLIED TO PREVENT FUTURE CORROSION. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING DECEMBER 2009. OWNERS MAY CONTACT FORD AT 1-888-222-2751 OR THROUGH THE INTERNET AT WWW.FORDOWNER.COM.

**Notes:**

FORD'S RECALL CAMPAIGN NUMBER IS 09S11. CUSTOMERS MAY ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

We have reviewed your proposed owner letter and it meets the requirements of 49 CFR Part 577.

Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Delia Lopez who may be reached by phone at 202-366-9525, or by email at [Delia.lopez@dot.gov](mailto:Delia.lopez@dot.gov), or through the office email at [RMD.ODI@dot.gov](mailto:RMD.ODI@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you toward a successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'G. Person', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

George H. Person  
Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement