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11V-264

SUBJECT: AIR BRAKES MODULE REPLACEMENT/FMVSS 121

DEAR MR. VONDALE:

This letter serves to acknowledge Ford Motor Company's (Ford) notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 121, "Air Brake Systems," for which a safety recall campaign 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-650/2011

FORD/F-750/2011

NHTSA Campaign Number: 11V-264

Mfg's Report Date: April 26, 2011

Components: SERVICE BRAKES, AIR: ANTILOCK: CONTROL UNIT/MODULE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 93

Summary:

FORD IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2011 F-650 AND F-750 TRUCKS, EQUIPPED WITH AIR BRAKES AND A TRAILER PACKAGE OR TRACTOR PACKAGE, FOR AN INCORRECTLY PROGRAMMED ABS MODULE. AS SUCH, THESE VEHICLES FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 121, "AIR BRAKE SYSTEMS (ABS)."

Consequence:

AN AFFECTED VEHICLE MAY NOT DISPLAY A TRAILER ABS FAULT IN THE CAB OF THE TRUCK WARNING THE DRIVER OF AN EXISTING TRAILER ABS FAILURE. SUCH AN ABS FAILURE MAY RESULT IN TRAILER BRAKE LOCK-UP, INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND REPLACE THE ABS MODULE FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR BEFORE MAY 16, 2011. OWNERS MAY CONTACT FORD MOTOR COMPANY CUSTOMER RELATIONSHIP CENTER AT 1-866-436-7332.

Notes:

FORD'S RECALL CAMPAIGN NUMBER IS 11C17. CUSTOMERS MAY 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).

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

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

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. 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 1-202-366-9525, or by email at Delia.lopez@dot.gov, or through the office email at 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 read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement