



U.S. Department of Transportation
**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

December 3, 2012

Mr. Steve Kenner
Ford Motor Company
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Dearborn, MI 48126-2738

NVS-215KS
12V-551

Subject: Engine Overheating may Result in a Fire

Dear Mr. Kenner:

This letter serves to acknowledge Ford Motor Company's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) 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/ESCAPE/2013
FORD/FUSION/2013

Mfr's Report Date: December 30, 2012

NHTSA Campaign Number: 12V-551

Components:

ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING

Potential Number of Units Affected: 80,057

Problem Description:

Ford is recalling certain 2013 Escape vehicles manufactured from October 5, 2011, through November 26, 2012 equipped with 1.6L engines; and 2013 Fusion vehicles manufactured from February 3, 2012, through November 29, 2012 equipped with 1.6L engines. The engines may overheat leading to fluid leaks that may come in contact with the hot exhaust system.

Consequence:

A fluid leak in the presence of an ignition source such as a hot exhaust system may result in a fire.

Remedy:

The remedy for this recall campaign is still under development. Until the recall remedy has been performed, Ford is advising owners to contact their dealer or call the Ford telephone hotline to arrange alternate transportation. The safety recall is expected to begin on, or before, December 7, 2012. Owners may contact Ford Motor Company Customer Relationship Center at 1-866-436-7332.

Notes:

Ford's recall campaign number is 12S41. Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

Please 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. Also, 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 Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at kelly.schuler@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

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