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* * * IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL * * * (PROGRAMA DE SEGURIDAD IMPORTANTE)

Safety Recall Notice 15S34 / NHTSA Recall 15V793 Aviso de Revisión de Seguridad 15S34

Mr. John Sample 123 Main Street Anywhere, USA 12345

Your Vehicle Identification Number (VIN): 12345678901234567

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Ford Motor Company has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in your vehicle, with the VIN shown above.

We apologize for this situation and want to assure you that, with your assistance, we will correct this condition. Our commitment, together with your dealer, is to provide you with the highest level of service and support.

What is the issue?

On your vehicle, pressure cycles within the fuel system may cause the surface of the fuel tank to develop a crack, which may result in a fuel odor or leak. A fuel leak in the presence of an ignition source can lead to a fire. A cracked fuel tank may also exceed the maximum allowable hydrocarbon evaporative emissions.

What will Ford and your dealer do?

Ford Motor Company has authorized your dealer to update your vehicle's Powertrain Control Module (PCM) with a calibration that will help prevent pressure cycles in the fuel tank that may be caused by a leaking Canister Purge Valve (CPV). The PCM calibration will be available on February 4, 2016. Additionally, your dealer will test or inspect your vehicle's CPV, vapor canister, and fuel tank, and replace any parts that do not pass. This repair will be completed free of charge (parts and labor).

If your vehicle's fuel tank needs to be replaced, you should know that replacement fuel tanks are anticipated to become available in the third quarter of 2016. We apologize for any inconvenience this delay may cause you, and want you to know we are working diligently to accelerate part availability.

How long will it take?

The time needed for this repair is less than one-half day. However, due to service scheduling requirements, your dealer may need your vehicle for a longer period of time.

What should you do?

Please contact your dealer and request a service appointment for <u>February 4, 2016 or later</u> to have your vehicle's PCM calibration updated and receive diagnosis and repair relating to Safety Recall 15S34. Provide the dealer with the VIN of your vehicle, which is printed near your name at the beginning of this letter.

If you do not already have a servicing dealer, you can access www.Fordowner.com for dealer addresses, maps, and driving instructions.

Please note: Federal law requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

Do you need a rental vehicle?

If your dealer determines that your vehicle's fuel tank is leaking, your dealer is authorized to provide a rental vehicle for your personal transportation at no charge (except for fuel and insurance) while your vehicle is at the dealership for repairs. Please see your dealer for guidelines and limitations.

Have you previously paid for this repair?

If you have previously paid for a repair that addresses the issue described in this letter, you still need to have this recall performed to ensure the correct parts and procedures were used.

You may be eligible for a refund of previously paid repairs. Refunds will only be provided for service related to fuel tank replacement due to fuel leak, CPV replacement, and vapor canister replacement due to liquid fuel contamination. To verify eligibility and <u>expedite reimbursement</u>, give your paid original receipt to your dealer.

Refund requests may also be sent directly to Ford Motor Company. To request your refund from Ford, send the refund request with all required documentation, including your original repair receipt (no photocopies), to Ford Motor Company at P.O. Box 6251, Dearborn, Michigan 48121-6251. Refund requests mailed to this address may take up to 60 days to process. Your original receipt will be returned to you.

Detailed information regarding eligibility for Ford's reimbursement program and documentation requirements may be obtained by contacting the Ford Customer Relationship Center at 1-866-436-7332.

What if you no longer own this vehicle?

If you no longer own this vehicle, and have an address for the current owner, please forward this letter to the new owner.

You received this notice because government regulations require that notification be sent to the last known owner of record. Our records are based primarily on state registration and title data, which indicate that you are the current owner.

California and Massachusetts Registration Requirements

The State of California and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts require the completion of emission-related recall repairs prior to vehicle registration renewal. If your vehicle is registered in California or Massachusetts, it is subject to these requirements.

When your dealer completes this emission-related recall repair, you will receive a Vehicle Emission Recall Proof of Correction certificate. Please make sure that you receive a certificate from your dealer and that you have it with you when you renew your vehicle registration.

California and Massachusetts Registration Requirements (continued)

It is also important for you to know that the certificate should be returned to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) only if it is requested by the DMV. Otherwise, this certificate is to be held by you for your records.

In order to ensure your full protection under emissions warranty provisions, and to avoid any inconvenience when renewing your registration, it is recommended that you have your vehicle serviced as soon as possible. Failure to do so could be determined as lack of proper maintenance of your vehicle.

Can we assist you further?

If you have difficulties getting your vehicle repaired promptly and without charge, please contact your dealership's Service Manager for assistance.

<u>RETAIL OWNERS</u>: If you still have concerns, please contact the Ford Motor Company Customer Relationship Center at 1-866-436-7332 and one of our representatives will be happy to assist you. For the hearing impaired call 1-800-232-5952 (TDD). Representatives are available Monday through Friday: 8:00AM - 8:00PM (Eastern Time).

If you wish to contact us through the Internet, our address is: www.Fordowner.com.

Para asistencia en Español:

Si necesita ayuda o tiene alguna pregunta, por favor llame al Centro de Relación con Clientes al 1-866-436-7332 y presione 2 para Español.

<u>FLEET OWNERS</u>: If you still have concerns, please contact the Fleet Customer Information Center at 1-800-34-FLEET, Option #3 and one of our representatives will be happy to assist you. Representatives are available Monday through Friday: 8:00AM - 8:00PM (Eastern Time).

Or you may contact us through the Internet at www.fleet.ford.com.

If you are still having difficulty getting your vehicle repaired in a reasonable time or without charge, you may write the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave. S.E., Washington, D.C. 20590 or call the toll free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153) or go to www.safercar.gov. Reference NHTSA Safety Recall 15V793.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

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