

U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

September 2, 2016

Mr. Todd Fronckowiak Assistant Director, Global Automotive Safety Compliance Ford Motor Company Fairlane Plaza South, Suite #500 330 Town Center Drive Dearborn, MI 48126-2738

Subject: Fuel Pump Malfunction may Cause Engine Stall

Dear Mr. Fronckowiak:

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.

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

NEF-150SM

16V-621

Makes/Models/Model Years:

FORD/FLEX/2013-2015 FORD/TAURUS/2013-2015 FORD/TAURUS POLICE INTERCEPTOR/2013-2015 LINCOLN/MKS/2013-2015 LINCOLN/MKT/2013-2015

Mfr's Report Date: August 22, 2016

NHTSA Campaign Number: 16V-621

Components:

FUEL SYSTEM, GASOLINE: DELIVERY: FUEL PUMP

Potential Number of Units Affected: 77,502

Problem Description:

Ford Motor Company (Ford) is recalling certain model year 2013-2015 Ford Taurus, Ford Flex, Lincoln MKS and Lincoln MKT vehicles equipped with 3.5L GTDI Ecoboost engines and 2013-2015 Ford Taurus Police Interceptor vehicles. A component within the fuel pump electric module (PEM) may overheat causing a loss of electrical power to the fuel pump.

Consequence:

A loss of power to the fuel pump will cause the engine to stall or prevent the vehicle from starting, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Ford will notify owners, and dealers will inspect the fuel PEM part number and replace the fuel PEM, as necessary, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin September 12, 2016. Owners may contact Ford customer service at 1-866-436-7332. Ford's number for this recall is 16S31.



Notes:

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 Sarah Mcshane who may be reached by phone at 202-366-7401, or by email at sarah.mcshane@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Timian

Chief, Recall Management Division Office of Defects Investigations

Enforcement

