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### Ford Recall 17S09 - Chronology

June – August 2016 – Ford's North American Critical Concern Review Group (CCRG) reviewed data related to underhood fire allegations on 2014 Escape vehicles equipped with 1.6L GTDI engines. The data showed an uptick of reported underhood fires potentially related to engine overheat during the colder months in early 2016. The fires reported were primarily localized and/or potentially self-extinguishing; consistent with the engine control system identifying a potential overheat and taking action to reduce engine temperatures. CCRG requested the gathering of further information, where possible, regarding fire origin and potential cause from complaint vehicles.

September 2016 – January 2017 – Based on the investigation and information gathered to date, the team recommended and agreed to monitor reports, investigate claims, and inspect and recover parts during the coming winter season.

January 2017 – Ford South Africa announced a recall on 2013 and 2014MY Kuga vehicles equipped with the 1.6L GTDI engine for risk of underhood fire associated with localized overheating and cracking of the cylinder head. This was announced in response to an increasing number of reports on a small volume of vehicles. Ford previously conducted a recall in the United States (13V583) for 2013MY Ford Escape vehicles equipped with 1.6L engines. The 2014 MY 1.6L equipped Escape vehicles in the United States utilized different temperature sensors and control system to reduce the likelihood of an engine overheating and cracking of the cylinder head.

February 2017 – Monitoring of reports identified an increase in underhood fire allegations, potentially related to overheat, on 2013-14 Ford Fusion vehicles equipped with 1.6L GTDI engines. CCRG reviewed this new information, in conjunction with reviewing an update on Escape reports, and began to investigate potential cause for Fusion reports, including analyses of vehicles and field returned parts.

March 2017 – A Technical Review Group (TRG) meeting was convened to review the new data on Fusion as well as the updated data on Escape. The TRG recommended that this concern be referred to the Field Review Committee (FRC) and that all vehicles in North America equipped with a 1.6L GTDI engine built prior to February 14, 2014, be included in the recommendation, regardless of the presence or lack of field reports.

On March 20, 2017, Ford's FRC reviewed the concern and approved a field action.