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TO: All U.S. Ford and Lincoln Dealers

SUBJECT: DELIVERY HOLD - Customer Satisfaction Program 12B43 Certain 2013 Model Year Taurus Vehicles Air Conditioning System Performance

PROGRAM TERMS

This program will be in effect through October 31, 2013. There is no mileage limit for this program.

AFFECTED VEHICLES

Certain 2013 model year Taurus vehicles built at the Chicago Assembly Plant from August 9, 2012 through August 31, 2012. Affected vehicles are identified in OASIS. In addition, for a list of vehicles assigned to your dealership, visit <u>https://web.fsavinlists.dealerconnection.com</u>. This information will be available on September 27, 2012.

REASON FOR THIS PROGRAM

An incorrect Body Control Module (BCM) calibration may have been programmed into the affected vehicles. This may result in degraded Air Conditioning system performance, including slow to cool and lack of cooling.

SERVICE ACTION

Before delivering any of the vehicles involved in this program, dealers are to reprogram the BCM using IDS level 81.01 or higher. This service must be performed on all affected vehicles at no charge to the vehicle owner.

OWNER NOTIFICATION MAILING SCHEDULE

Owner Letters are expected to be mailed the week of October 1, 2012. Dealers should repair any affected vehicles that arrive at their dealerships, whether or not the customer has received a letter.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment I:Administrative InformationAttachment II:Labor Allowances and Parts Ordering InformationAttachment III:Technical InformationOwner Notification Letter

QUESTIONS & ASSISTANCE Special Service Support Center (Dealer Assistance Only) _____1-800-325-5621

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OASIS ACTIVATED?

Yes, OASIS will be activated on September 27, 2012.

FSA VIN LIST ACTIVATED?

Yes, FSA VIN list will be available through <u>https://web.fsavinlists.dealerconnection.com</u> on September 27, 2012. Owner names and addresses will be available by October 15, 2012.

NOTE: Your FSA VIN list may contain owner names and addresses obtained from motor vehicle registration records. The use of such motor vehicle registration data for any purpose other than in connection with this program is a violation of law in several states, provinces, and countries. Accordingly, you must limit the use of this listing to the follow-up necessary to complete this service action.

STOCK VEHICLES

- Correct all affected units in your new vehicle inventory before delivery.
- Use OASIS to identify any affected vehicles in your used vehicle inventory.

SOLD VEHICLES

- Owners of affected vehicles will be directed to dealers for repairs.
- Immediately contact any of your affected customers whose vehicles are not on your VIN list but are identified in OASIS. Give the customer a copy of the Owner Notification Letter and schedule a service date.
- Correct other affected vehicles identified in OASIS which are brought to your dealership.

TITLE BRANDED / SALVAGED VEHICLES

Affected title branded and salvaged vehicles are eligible for this service action.

RELATED DAMAGE

If a related damage condition exists that you believe to be caused by the covered condition, call the Special Service Support Center to request approval **prior** to the repair of any related damage. Requests for approval after completion of the repair will not be granted. Ford Motor Company reserves the right to deny coverage for related damage in cases where the vehicle owner has not had this service action performed on a timely basis.

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ADDITIONAL LABOR TIME

- If a condition exists that requires additional labor to complete the repair, call the Special Service Support Center to request approval **prior** to performing any additional labor. Requests for approval after completion of the repair will not be granted.
- If you encounter aftermarket equipment or modifications to the vehicle which might prevent the repair of the covered condition, call the Special Service Support Center.

OWNER REFUNDS

Refunds are not authorized for this program.

RENTAL VEHICLES

The use of rental vehicles is not authorized for this program.

CLAIMS PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION

- Enter claims using Direct Warranty Entry (DWE).
- Refer to ACESII manual for claims preparation and submission information.
- Related damage must be claimed on a repair line that is separate from the repair line on which the FSA is claimed. Related damage requires prior approval from the Special Service Support Center.
- "MT" labor should be submitted on a separate repair line with the related damage flag checked. "MT" labor requires prior approval from the Special Service Support Center.
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LABOR ALLOWANCES

Description	Labor Operation	Labor Time
Reprogram the Body Control Module	12B43B	0.2 Hour(s)

PARTS REQUIREMENTS / ORDERING INFORMATION

Parts are not required to complete this repair.

CERTAIN 2013 MODEL YEAR TAURUS VEHICLES — AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM PERFORMANCE

OVERVIEW

An incorrect Body Control Module (BCM) calibration may have been programmed into the affected vehicles. This may result in degraded Air Conditioning system performance, including slow to cool and lack of cooling. Before delivering any of the vehicles involved in this program, dealers are to reprogram the BCM using IDS level 81.01 or higher.

SERVICE PROCEDURE

Important Information For Module Programming

- **NOTE:** When programming or reprogramming a module, use the following basic checks to ensure programming completes without errors.
- Make sure the battery is fully charged before carrying out the programming steps and connect IDS/scan tool to a power source.
- Inspect Vehicle Communication Module (VCM) and cables for any damage. Make sure scan tool connections are not interrupted during programming.
- A hardwired internet connection is strongly recommended.
- Turn off all unnecessary accessories (radio, heated/cooled seats, head lamps, interior lamps, HVAC system, etc.), close doors.
- Disconnect/depower any aftermarket accessories (remote start, alarm, power inverter, CB radio, etc.).
- Follow all scan tool on-screen instructions carefully.
- Disable IDS/scan tool sleep mode, screensaver, hibernation modes.
- Create all sessions Key On Engine Off (KOEO). Starting the vehicle before creating a session will cause errors within the programming inhale process.

Module Reprogramming

- **NOTE:** Reprogram appropriate vehicle modules before performing diagnostics and clear all Diagnostic Trouble Codes (DTCs) after programming. For DTCs generated after reprogramming, follow normal diagnostic service procedures.
- 1. Reprogram the Body Control Module (BCM), to the latest calibration using IDS release 81.01 or higher. Calibration files may also be obtained at www.motorcraft.com.



Recovering a PCM/Body Control Module (BCM) when programming has resulted in a blank module: <u>NEVER DELETE THE ORIGINAL SESSION!</u>

- 1. Obtain the original IDS that was used when the programming error occurred during Module Reprogramming (MR) or Programmable Module Installation (PMI).
- 2. Disconnect the VCM from the data link connector (DLC) and the IDS.
- 3. Reconnect the VCM to IDS and then connect to the DLC. Once reconnected, the VCM icon should appear in the corner of the IDS screen. If it does not, troubleshoot the IDS to VCM connection.
- 4. Locate the ORIGINAL vehicle session when programming failed. This should be the last session used in most cases. If not, use the session created on the date that the programming failed.
- **NOTE:** If the original session is not listed in the previous session list, click the "Recycle bin" icon at the lower right of the previous session screen. This will load any deleted sessions and allow you to look through them. Double-click the session to restore it.
- 5. Once the session is loaded, the failed process should resume automatically.
- 6. If programming does not resume automatically, proceed to the Module Programming menu and select the previously attempted process, Programmable Module Installation (PMI) or Module Reprogramming.
- 7. Follow all on-screen prompts/instructions.
- 8. Near the end of programming, the IDS will prompt you to select certain parameters. It is important to make a selection for ALL parameters listed. If the correct selection is already highlighted, you must still choose that selection before clicking the "Tick" mark to complete the configuration.
- 9. The last screen on the IDS may list additional steps required to complete the programming process. Make sure all applicable steps listed on the screen are followed in order.





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Customer Satisfaction Program 12B43

Mr. John Sample 123 Main Street Anywhere, USA 12345

Your Vehicle Identification Number: 12345678901234567

At Ford Motor Company, it has been our goal for more than 100 years to provide customers with high-quality, dependable products. In order to maintain these standards, Ford Motor Company is providing a no-charge Customer Satisfaction Program (Program Number 12B43) for your vehicle, with the Vehicle Identification Number shown above.

- What is the issue? An incorrect calibration may have been programmed into the Body Control Module (BCM) on your vehicle. This may result in degraded Air Conditioning system performance, including slow to cool and lack of cooling.
- What will Ford and
your dealer do?In the interest of customer satisfaction, Ford Motor Company has authorized
your dealer to reprogram the Body Control Module (BCM) free of charge
(parts and labor) under the terms of this program.
This Customer Satisfaction Program will be in effect until October 31, 2013
regardless of mileage. Coverage is automatically transferred to subsequent
owners.
- **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 call your dealer without delay and request a service date for Customer Satisfaction Program 12B43. Provide the dealer with the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) of your vehicle. The VIN 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.

Ford Motor Company wants you to have this service action completed on your vehicle. The vehicle owner is responsible for making arrangements to have the work completed. Ford Motor Company can deny coverage for any vehicle damage that may result from the failure to have this service action performed on a timely basis. Therefore, please have this service action performed as soon as possible.

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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 our records, which are based primarily on state registration and title data, indicate that you are the current owner.
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 - 5:00PM (Your Local Time). If you wish to contact us through the Internet, our address is: <u>www.Fordowner.com</u> . <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 - 5:00PM (Your Local Time). Or you may contact us through the Internet at <u>www.fleet.ford.com</u> .

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

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