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TO: All U.S. Ford and Lincoln Dealers

SUBJECT: Awareness Communication - Upcoming Safety Recall 17S01 Certain 2005-2006 Ford GT, 2005-2009 and 2012 Mustang, 2006-2009 Milan, 2006-2009 and 2012 Fusion, Zephyr/MKZ, 2007-2009 Edge and MKX, and 2007-2009 Ranger Vehicles Passenger Airbag Inflator Replacement

REASON FOR THIS COMMUNICATION

To inform dealers that Ford Motor Company has notified the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of an upcoming safety recall. Once the NHTSA releases the information, there is a possibility that dealers may be contacted by customers about the recall. This notice will help you answer customer questions.

REASON FOR THIS SAFETY RECALL

NHTSA and Takata have determined that the propellant in certain Takata airbag inflators can experience an alteration over time with exposure to certain climate conditions. A combination of time, high temperature fluctuations, and humidity contribute to the degradation of the propellant in the inflators. This degradation can cause the propellant to burn too quickly, creating high pressure inside the inflator, and in extreme cases causing the inflator to rupture in the event of a crash necessitating airbag deployment. A ruptured inflator can send inflator parts toward vehicle occupants resulting in serious injury or death. Additional information regarding Takata recalls can be found at <u>www.nhtsa.gov</u> and <u>www.safercar.gov</u>.

AFFECTED VEHICLES

Vehicles identified below that were originally sold in or ever registered in certain geographic locations. **Zone A:** Alabama, California, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, Texas, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands (Saipan). **Zone B:** Arkansas, Arizona, Delaware, District of Columbia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri, North Carolina, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, Ohio, Oklahoma,

Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia.

Zone C: Alaska, Colorado, Connecticut, Iowa, Idaho, Massachusetts, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, New Hampshire, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Utah, Vermont, Washington, Wisconsin, Wyoming.

AFFECTED VEHICLES (continued)

Vehicle	Zone A Model Year	Zone B Model Year	Zone C Model Year	Assembly Plant	Build Dates
Ranger	N/A	2009	2007-2008	Twin Cities	
Milan	N/A	2009	2006-2008		
Fusion	2012	2009	2006-2008	Hermosillo	- All
Zephyr/MKZ					
Edge	N/A	2009	2007-2008	Oakville	
MKX					
Mustang	2012	2009	2005-2008	Flat Rock	
Ford GT	N/A	N/A	2005-2006	Wixom	

NOTE: Takata airbag recall zones have been defined by the NHTSA based on temperature and humidity. Refer to Figure 1.

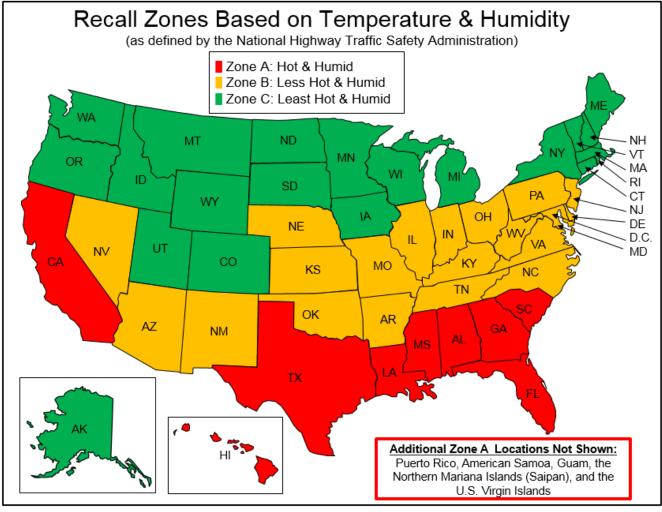


FIGURE 1

SERVICE ACTION

Dealers will be directed to service the front passenger airbag. A complete bulletin will be provided to dealers once replacement parts are available.

CUSTOMER NOTIFICATION

Owners of record will be notified via first-class mail after repair instructions and parts ordering information have been provided to dealers.

OASIS AND FSA VIN LISTS

OASIS and FSA VIN lists are expected to be activated by the end of February 2017.

QUESTIONS & ASSISTANCE

For questions and assistance, contact the Special Service Support Center (SSSC) via the SSSC Web Contact Site. The SSSC Web Contact Site can be accessed through the Professional Technician Society (PTS) website using the SSSC link listed at the bottom of the OASIS VIN report screen or listed under the SSSC tab.

Sincerely,

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