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**National Highway
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NVS-215kjs
08E-019

Subject: AFTERMARKET FUEL FILTER/LEAK

Dear MR. BILLICH:

This letter serves to acknowledge Intercontinental Auto Parts, Inc.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety defect in the products described below for which a recall campaign shall be conducted pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30119.

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.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

FORD/BRONCO/1978-1980
FORD/COUNTRY SQUIRE/1977
FORD/E SERIES/1977-1980
FORD/F SERIES (LIGHT)/1978-1982
FORD/F SERIES (MEDIUM)/1978-1982
FORD/FAIRMONT/1980
FORD/GRANADA/1979-1980
FORD/LTD/1979
FORD/LTD/1980
FORD/LTD/1977
FORD/MUSTANG/1979-1980
FORD/PINTO/1975
FORD/RANCHERO/1979
FORD/THUNDERBIRD/1977-1980
INTERCONTINENTAL/ALG 44/1/9999
LINCOLN/VERSAILLES/1980
MERCURY/BOBCAT/1975
MERCURY/CAPRI/1979
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MERCURY/CAPRI/1977
MERCURY/COLONY PARK/1979
MERCURY/COLONY PARK/1980
MERCURY/COLONY PARK/1977
MERCURY/COUGAR/1977-1980
MERCURY/GRAND MARQUIS/1979
MERCURY/GRAND MARQUIS/1980
MERCURY/GRAND MARQUIS/1977
MERCURY/MONARCH/1979-1980
MERCURY/ZEPHYR/1980
PUROLATOR/F10024/9999

NHTSA Campaign Number: 08E-019

Mfg's Report Date: March 3, 2008

Components: FUEL SYSTEM, GASOLINE:DELIVERY:FUEL PUMP

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1,937

Summary:

INTERCONTINENTAL AUTO PARTS IS RECALLING 1,937 FUEL FILTERS, P/NOS ALG 44/1 AND PUROLATOR F10024, SHIPPED BETWEEN JANUARY 14 AND FEBRUARY 13, 2008, SOLD FOR USE ON THE VEHICLES LISTED ABOVE. THE FILTER'S OUTLET CAP MAY NOT BE SECURELY CRIMPED TO THE HOUSING. THIS COULD RESULT IN A SEPARATION OF FILTER'S OUTLET CAP FROM THE HOUSING.

Consequence:

IF THIS CONDITION OCCURS WHILE ATTEMPTING TO START THE VEHICLE, A NO START CONDITION MAY RESULT AND FUEL MAY BE PUMPED ONTO THE GROUND. IF THIS OCCURS WHILE THE VEHICLE IS IN MOTION, THE ENGINE MAY STOP DUE TO INADEQUATE FUEL SUPPLY. IF AN IGNITION SOURCE WERE PRESENT, FUEL LEAKAGE MAY RESULT IN A FIRE.

Remedy:

INTERCONTINENTAL WILL REPLACE THE FUEL FILTERS FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING MARCH 2008. OWNERS MAY CONTACT INTERCONTINENTAL AT 800-451-2593.

Notes:

THIS RECALL ONLY PERTAINS TO INTERCONTINENTAL AFTERMARKET FUEL FILTERS AND HAS NO RELATION TO ANY ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT INSTALLED ON VEHICLES MANUFACTURED BY THE FORD MOTOR COMPANY. CUSTOMERS MAY CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY

TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV).

The information in your report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

We have reviewed your proposed owner letter and it meets the requirements of 49 CFR Part 577. 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 Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227, by email at Kelly.Schuler@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

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for George H. Person
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Office of Defects Investigation
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