OMB Control No.: 2127-0004

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

16V-036

Manufacturer Name : Ford Motor Company

Submission Date: JAN 22, 2016 **NHTSA Recall No.**: 16V-036 **Manufacturer Recall No.**: 16S03



Manufacturer Information:

Manufacturer Name: Ford Motor Company

Address: 330 Town Center Drive

Suite 500 Dearborn MI 48126-2738

Company phone: 1-866-436-7332

Population:

Number of potentially involved: 361,692 Estimated percentage with defect: 0

Vehicle Information:

Vehicle: 2004-2006 Ford Ranger Vehicle Type: LIGHT VEHICLES Body Style: PICKUP TRUCK

Power Train: NR

 $Descriptive\ Information: Ford\ Motor\ Company\ (Ford)\ is\ conducting\ a\ safety\ recall\ on\ 2004-2006\ MY\ North$

American manufactured Ford Ranger vehicles equipped with Takata SDI driver

side airbag inflators.

Certain 2004 – 2005 MY Rangers were included in program 14B04/14V343, which applied to vehicles originally sold or registered in Florida, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, or U.S. Virgin Islands. The vehicle population included in 14B04/14V343 was determined by using Takata inflator production dates.

This safety recall includes all 2004 – $2006\,MY$ North American manufactured Ford Ranger vehicles.

These vehicles are not produced in VIN order. Information as to the applicability of this action to specific vehicles can best be obtained by either calling Ford's toll-free line (1-866-436-7332) or by contacting a local Ford or Lincoln dealer who can obtain specific information regarding the vehicles from the Ford On-line Automotive Service Information System (OASIS) database.

Production Dates: MAR 24, 2003 - MAY 04, 2006

VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range

Begin: NR End: NR Not sequential VINs

Description of Defect:

Description of the Defect : The driver side airbag inflator could rupture if the vehicle is involved in a crash

where the supplemental frontal airbags are designed to deploy.

FMVSS 1 :NR FMVSS 2 :NR

Description of the Safety Risk: The driver side airbag inflator could rupture if the vehicle is involved in a crash

where the supplemental frontal airbags are designed to deploy. If this occurs, it

may increase the risk of injury or death to the occupants.

Description of the Cause: Root cause of the airbag inflator rupture has not been determined.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur: NR

Supplier Identification:

Component Manufacturer

Name: T K Holdings

Address: 888 16th Street NW

Washington DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA 20006

Country: United States

Chronology:

See attached.

Description of Remedy:

Description of Remedy Program:

Owners will be notified by mail and instructed to take their vehicle to a Ford or Lincoln dealer to have their driver airbag inflator replaced. There will be no charge for this service.

Ford is excluding reimbursement for costs because the original warranty program would provide for a free repair for this concern.

Ford will forward a copy of the notification letters to dealers to the agency when available.

 $How\ Remedy\ Component\ Differs\ from\ Recalled\ Component:NR$

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production: NR

Recall Schedule:

Description of Recall Schedule: Notification to dealers is expected to occur on January 26, 2016.

Mailing of owner notification letters is expected to begin March 7, 2016, and be completed by March 11, 2016.

Planned Dealer Notification Date: JAN 26, 2016 - JAN 26, 2016

Planned Owner Notification Date: MAR 07, 2016 - MAR 11, 2016

* NR - Not Reported