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For 2000-2005 Focus vehicles built on or before 1/26/2005 Safety Recall 05S27 has been issued for vehicles that are operated in high corrosion areas for an extended period, where the rear door latches may experience corrosion in the pawl pivot area preventing proper engagement of the pawl into the catch. Initially, customers may experience difficulty closing the rear door that may eventually progress to a point where the rear door may not latch properly. If not latched properly, the door may open while driving.

ACTION

Follow the Service Procedure steps to correct the condition.

SERVICE PROCEDURE

1. For 2000-2005 Focus vehicles built on or before 1/26/2005 that are not covered under Safety Recall 05S27 but exhibit rear door latch corrosion, dealers can call the Special Service Support Center (SSSC) at 1-800-325-5621 to request recall service action.
2. If approved by the SSSC, follow Safety Recall 05S27. Dealers are to inspect, clean and lube the rear door latches, install a lower rocker seal to the rear doors and install a label to the rear doors on all the affected vehicles. As a courtesy maintenance, dealers will also lubricate the front door latches even though the front door latches are not part of this recall. If a rear door latch does not pass the prescribed inspection procedure as outlined in Attachment III of Safety Recall 05S27, it will be replaced.

OTHER APPLICABLE ARTICLES: 05S27

WARRANTY STATUS:

Information Only – Not Warrantable

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