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Subject: The Romeo Matrix and Test Parts

Barry:

We had the VG Operations and Hardware meeting, and the following questions will need resolution:

1. Ford has agreed to supply 8 Romeo full dress engines to support the matrix. We were targeting a September, 2002 matrix start. Will shipment of the engines support that schedule?
2. Will related kit parts such as heads, gaskets, cams, pistons and rings, etc. be included with that shipment?
3. As the Romeo parts buy is planned for the life of the test, will Ford continue to supply technical or other commercial support for the VG test for the life of the test method? This might include engineering part numbers for changes or replacements if there are problems with kit parts.
4. You have requested all reference engines be shipped to Ford for cylinder bore measurements. Should that task possibly move to the labs in the future, will you supply the necessary equipment specifications and procedures for wear measurements?
5. Industry has found a problem with surface finish and roundness of the truck cam journals that could affect test severity. Is Ford going to resolve this problem for the Romeo kit parts in a timely fashion?

Bear in mind that these questions are not related to the schedules or pricing on the Romeo engines. If the industry is to complete the Romeo matrix and move forward with the transition to these new engines, we need to develop a schedule and be aware of the support level Ford is willing to provide.

Sincerely

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