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#### NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

DATE: THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 2012

TIME: 11:00 AM EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME

LOCATION: The Waldorf Astoria Hotel

301 Park Avenue New York, New York

To Visteon Stockholders,

We invite you to attend our 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders at The Waldorf Astoria Hotel. At this meeting, you and the other stockholders will be able to vote on the following proposals, together with any other business that may properly come before the meeting:

- 1. Elect the seven directors to the Board of Directors. The Board has nominated for election Duncan H. Cocroft, Kevin I. Dowd, Jeffrey D. Jones, Timothy D. Leuliette, Donald J. Stebbins and Harry J. Wilson, all current directors, as well as Robert Manzo.
- 2. Ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company s independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal year 2012.
- 3. Provide advisory approval of the Company s executive compensation.
- 4. Provide an advisory vote on the frequency of the advisory vote on executive compensation.

You may vote on these proposals in person or by proxy. If you cannot attend the meeting, we urge you to vote by proxy, so that your shares will be represented and voted at the meeting in accordance with your instructions. Instructions on how to vote by proxy are contained in the Proxy Statement and in the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials. Only stockholders of record at the close of business on April 17, 2012 will be entitled to vote at the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

By order of the Board of Directors

Heidi A. Sepanik

Secretary

Van Buren Township, Michigan

April 26, 2012

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## VISTEON CORPORATION

One Village Center Drive

Van Buren Township, Michigan 48111

#### PROXY STATEMENT

April 26, 2012

#### INTRODUCTION

The Board of Directors of Visteon Corporation (Visteon, the Company, we, us or our) is soliciting your proxy to encourage your participation the voting at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders. You are invited to attend the Annual Meeting and vote your shares directly. However, even if you do not attend, you may vote by proxy. As shown in the Notice of Annual Meeting, the Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 14, 2012, at The Waldorf Astoria in New York City, New York. Directions to the meeting location can be found in Appendix B.

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS FOR THE

## ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS TO BE HELD ON JUNE 14, 2012

Our Notice of Annual Meeting and Proxy Statement, Annual Report to Stockholders, electronic proxy card and other Annual Meeting materials are available on the Internet at www.proxyvote.com, together with any amendments to any of these materials that are required to be furnished to stockholders. The Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials contains important information, including instructions on how to access and review the proxy materials online and how to vote your shares over the Internet or by telephone. If you receive a Notice, you will not receive a paper or email copy of the proxy materials unless you request one in the manner set forth in the Notice.

#### VOTING

## **How to Vote Your Shares**

If you are a registered stockholder, you can vote at the meeting any shares that were registered in your name as the stockholder of record as of the record date. If your shares are held in street name through a broker, bank or other nominee, you are not a holder of record of those shares and cannot vote them at the Annual Meeting unless you have a legal proxy from the holder of record. If you plan to attend and vote your street name shares at the Annual Meeting, you should request a legal proxy from your broker, bank or holder of record and bring it with you to the meeting.

Whether or not you plan to attend the meeting, we strongly encourage you to vote by proxy prior to the meeting. You may vote your shares prior to the meeting by following the instructions provided on the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials, this proxy statement and the voter website, www.proxyvote.com. If you requested a paper copy of the proxy materials, voting instructions are also contained on the proxy card enclosed with those materials.

If you are a registered stockholder, there are three ways to vote your shares before the meeting:

By Internet (www.proxyvote.com): Use the Internet to transmit your voting instructions until 11:59 p.m. EDT on June 13, 2012. Have your Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials with you when you access the website and follow the instructions to obtain your records and to create an electronic voting instruction form.

By telephone (1-800-690-6903): Use any touch-tone telephone to submit your vote until 11:59 p.m. EDT on June 13, 2012. Have your Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials in hand when you call and then follow the instructions you receive from the telephone voting site.

By mail: If you requested a paper copy of the proxy materials, mark, sign and date the proxy card enclosed with those materials and return it in the postage-paid envelope we have provided. To be valid, proxy cards must be received before the start of the Annual Meeting. Proxy cards should be returned to Vote Processing, c/o Broadridge, 51 Mercedes Way, Edgewood, NY 11717.

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If your shares are held in street name, your broker, bank or other holder of record may provide you with a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials. Follow the instructions on the Notice to access our proxy materials and vote online or to request a paper or email copy of our proxy materials. If you received these materials in paper form, the materials included a voting instruction card so you can instruct your broker, bank or other holder of record how to vote your shares.

You should provide voting instructions for all proposals appearing on the proxy/voting instruction card. The persons named as proxies on the proxy card will vote your shares according to your instructions. However, if you do not provide voting instructions with your proxy, then the designated proxies will vote your shares for the election of the nominated directors, for the ratification of the Company s independent registered public accounting firm, for the approval of the Company s executive compensation, and for the one year frequency option for the advisory vote on executive compensation. If any nominee for election to the Board is unable to serve, which is not anticipated, or if any other matters properly come before the meeting, then the designated proxies will vote your shares in accordance with their best judgment.

## **How to Revoke Your Proxy**

If you are a registered stockholder, you can revoke your proxy and change your vote at any time prior to the Annual Meeting by:

Notifying our Corporate Secretary in writing at One Village Center Drive, Van Buren Township, Michigan 48111 (the notification must be received by the close of business on June 13, 2012);

Voting again by Internet or telephone prior to 11:59 p.m. EDT on June 13, 2012 (only the latest vote you submit will be counted); or

Submitting a new properly signed and dated paper proxy card with a later date (your proxy card must be received before the start of the Annual Meeting).

If your shares are held in street name, you should contact your broker, bank or other holder of record about revoking your voting instructions and changing your vote prior to the meeting.

If you are eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting, you also can revoke your proxy or voting instructions and change your vote at the Annual Meeting by submitting a written ballot before the polls close.

## Stockholders Entitled to Vote and Ownership

You are entitled to one vote at the Annual Meeting for each share of the Company s common stock that you owned of record at the close of business on April 17, 2012. As of April 17, 2012, the Company had issued and outstanding 53,009,277 shares of common stock. Information regarding the holdings of the Company s stock by directors, executive officers and certain other beneficial owners can be found beginning on page 14.

A list of the stockholders of record entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting will be available for review by any stockholder, for any purpose related to the meeting, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the principal offices of the Company, located at One Village Center Drive, Van Buren Township, Michigan 48111, for ten days before the meeting.

## **Required Vote to Approve the Proposals**

The Company s Bylaws require that a majority of the Company s common stock be represented at the Annual Meeting, whether in person or by proxy, for the quorum that is needed to transact any business.

*Election of Directors.* To be elected, directors must receive a majority of the votes cast (the number of shares voted For a director nominee must exceed the number of votes cast Against that nominee), except in the event of a contested election. A properly executed proxy marked Abstain with respect to such matter will not be counted as

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votes For or Against a director, although it will be counted for purposes of determining whether there is a quorum. In the event of a contested election (where the number of nominees exceeds the number of vacancies), the affirmative vote of a plurality of the votes cast at the meeting would be required for the election of directors. A properly executed proxy marked to withhold authority with respect to the election of one or more directors will not be voted with respect to the director or directors indicated, although it will be counted for purposes of determining whether there is a quorum.

Other Proposals. For each proposal other than the election of directors, the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the shares represented in person or by proxy and entitled to vote on the item will be required for approval. A properly executed proxy marked Abstain with respect to any such matter will not be voted, although it will be counted for purposes of determining whether there is a quorum. Accordingly, an abstention will have the effect of a negative vote.

If you hold your shares in street name through a broker or other nominee and you do not give voting instructions at least ten days before the meeting to your broker or other nominee, then your broker or other nominee may exercise voting discretion only with respect to matters considered to be routine by the New York Stock Exchange, such as the ratification of the appointment of the independent registered public accounting firm. On non-routine matters, such as the election of directors and the other proposals, the brokers or other nominees cannot vote your shares absent voting instructions from the beneficial holder, resulting in so-called broker non-votes. Broker non-votes are not deemed to be votes cast, and as a result have no effect on the outcome of any matters presented, but will be counted in determining whether there is a quorum.

#### Where to Find Voting Results

The Company will publish the voting results in a Current Report on Form 8-K to be filed with the SEC within four business days after the voting results are known. You will also find the results in the investor information section of the Company s website (www.visteon.com/investors).

#### **Cost of Solicitation**

The Company will pay for soliciting these proxies. The Company s directors, officers and employees may solicit proxies in person or by telephone, mail, email, telecopy or letter. The Company has also retained Georgeson Inc. to assist it in distributing proxy solicitation materials and soliciting proxies at a cost of approximately \$8,000, plus reasonable out-of-pocket expenses. The Company will reimburse brokers and other nominees for their reasonable out-of-pocket expenses for forwarding proxy materials to beneficial owners.

#### ITEM 1. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The first proposal on the agenda for the Annual Meeting will be electing seven directors to hold office until the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held in 2013. We expect each nominee for election as a director to be able to serve if elected. If any nominee is not able to serve, proxies will be voted in favor of the remainder of those nominated and may be voted for substitute nominees, unless the Board chooses to reduce the number of directors serving on the Board.

The Company s Bylaws provide that in any uncontested election (an election in which the number of nominees for director is not greater than the number to be elected), each director shall be elected if the number of votes cast for the nominee s election exceed the number of votes cast against that nominee s election. The Bylaws also provide that any nominee who does not receive more votes cast for the nominee s election than the number of votes cast against that nominee in an uncontested election is expected to promptly tender his or her resignation to the Chairman of the Board, which resignation shall be promptly considered through a process managed by the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee, to determine if a compelling reason exists for concluding that it is in the best interests of the Company for such incumbent to remain a director based on certain factors. The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee shall provide its recommendation to the Board with respect to any tendered resignation within 14 days of the certification of the election voting results and such recommendation shall be acted on by the Board within 30 days of the certification of the voting results. If a resignation offer is not accepted by the Board, it will publicly disclose its

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decision, including a summary of reasons for not accepting the offer of resignation. In a contested election (an election in which the number of nominees for director is greater than the number to be elected), the directors shall be elected by a plurality of the votes of the shares present in person or represented by proxy at the meeting and entitled to vote on the election of directors.

#### **Director Nomination Process**

The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee assesses all director candidates, whether submitted by management, a stockholder or otherwise, and recommends nominees for election to the Board. In March of 2012, the Board created a special committee (the Special Committee ) to identify and evaluate potential director candidates for recommendation to the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee and the Board. The Company also announced that it welcomed input from its stockholders on persons they would like considered for nomination by the Board in light of the possibility that some current directors may choose not to stand for re-election. The Special Committee engaged a director search firm, Heidrick & Struggles, and received suggested nominees from the search firm, stockholders and members of the Board. On April 20, 2012, Messrs. Guillemot, Henkel, Hogan and Krapek notified the Chairman that they would not stand for re-election at this Annual Meeting. The Special Committee recommended to the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee that the incumbent directors wishing to stand for election this year be re-nominated. The Special Committee also recommended to the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee that Mr. Manzo be nominated to stand for election at this Annual Meeting. Mr. Manzo was proposed as director candidate for this Annual Meeting by a significant stockholder of the Company. The key considerations for Board candidates in this process included: specific skills and intellectual capital aligned with the Company s future strategic and operating challenges, strong commitment to increasing shareholder value, core business competencies, including a record of success, financial literacy, and a high degree of ethics and integrity, interpersonal skills, enthusiasm, independence and prior board experience. Such process also highlighted selecting a Board that would have a diversity of international perspectives and experiences in light of the Company s global business.

The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee and the Board concurred with the recommendations of the Special Committee. The specific experiences, qualifications and skills that were considered in their initial selection, and considered by the Board in their nomination, are included after each of their individual biographies below. Messrs. Cocroft, Jones, Leuliette and Stebbins are current directors and nominees who have been elected by stockholders at the last Annual Meeting, and Messrs. Dowd and Wilson were appointed to the Board in July of 2011 pursuant to an agreement with a significant stockholder of the Company.

The Board of Directors Recommends that You Vote FOR the Election of Duncan H. Cocroft, Kevin I. Dowd, Jeffrey D. Jones, Timothy D. Leuliette, Robert Manzo, Donald J. Stebbins and Harry J. Wilson as Directors.

## **Nominees for Directors**

Duncan H. Cocroft is 68 years old and he has been a director of Visteon since October 18, 2010. Mr. Cocroft is the former Executive Vice President, Finance and Treasurer of Cendant Corporation, a provider of consumer and business services primarily in the travel and real estate services industries, a position he held from June 1999 until March 2004. During that time, Mr. Cocroft also served as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of PHH Corporation, Cendant s wholly-owned finance subsidiary. Prior to joining Cendant in June 1999, Mr. Cocroft served as Senior Vice President, Chief Administrative Officer and Principal Financial Officer of Kos Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and as Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of International Multifoods Corporation. Mr. Cocroft also serves as a director of GEO Specialty Chemicals, Inc., a privately-held manufacturer of specialty chemicals, and SBA Communications Corporation.

Mr. Cocroft has experience as a Chief Financial Officer and other financial oversight positions at large, global public companies, as well as other senior management experience including the oversight of information systems and human resources. He also has experience chairing the audit committee of a public company.

**Kevin I. Dowd** is 68 years old and he has been a director of Visteon since July 28, 2011. He has been the chairman and managing principal of Berkeley Square Advisors, LLC, a restructuring and advisory consulting firm, since it was

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founded in 2003. Prior to that, he was a principal at Nightingale & Associates, served as chief operating officer of First Boston Corporation s Investment Banking Division, and held senior management divisional positions with Citicorp. Mr. Dowd also has served as a director, interim chief executive officer and chief restructuring officer of scores of companies undergoing restructurings and bankruptcies over the course of his career, and currently is a director of Broadstripe, LLC, Cornerstone Medical, JHT Holdings, Inc., Nexpak Holdings, LLC, Orchard Brands, SIRVA, Inc. and TruGreen Landcare.

Mr. Dowd has significant financial expertise, including advising distressed companies, and extensive experience as a board member of companies across many industries.

**Jeffrey D. Jones** is 59 years old and he has been a director of Visteon since October 1, 2010. Mr. Jones is an attorney with Kim & Chang, a South Korea-based law firm, a position he has held since 1980. Mr. Jones serves as Chairman of the Board of Partners for Future Foundation, a Korean non-profit foundation. Mr. Jones has also served as a director of POSCO and the Doosan Corporation during the past five years.

Mr. Jones has over thirty years of international legal experience, with particular focus on Asia. He has served on the board of multinational companies and has been active in civic and charitable activities. He has served as chairman of the American Chamber of Commerce in Korea, as an advisor to several organizations and government agencies in Korea, and as a recognized member of the Korean Regulatory Reform Commission.

**Timothy D. Leuliette** is 62 years old and he has been a director of Visteon since October 1, 2010. Mr. Leuliette is the Senior Managing Director of FINNEA Group, LLC, an investment and financial services firm. Until October 14, 2010, Mr. Leuliette served as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Dura Automotive LLC, an automotive supplier, since July 2008, a director of Dura since June 2008, and the Chairman of the Board of Dura since December 2008. Mr. Leuliette also served as a Managing Director of Patriarch Partners LLC, the majority stockholder of Dura. Prior to that, he served as Co-Chairman and Co-Chief Executive Officer of Asahi Tec Corporation, a manufacturer of automotive parts and other products, and Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President of Metaldyne Corporation, an automotive supplier, from January 2001 to January 2008. Over his career he has held executive and management positions at both vehicle manufacturers and suppliers and has served on both corporate and civic boards, including as Chairman of the Detroit Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

Mr. Leuliette has extensive experience in the automotive industry, including leadership roles with diversified suppliers of automotive components, systems and modules. He has deep experience with integrating acquired business, overseeing sophisticated sale transactions and restructuring distressed companies.

**Robert Manzo** is 54 years old and, if elected, would become a director of Visteon following the Annual Meeting. Mr. Manzo is the founder and managing member of RJM I, LLC, a provider of consulting services to troubled companies, since 2005. From 2000 to 2005, Mr. Manzo was the senior managing director of FTI Consulting, Inc., a global business advisory firm. Mr. Manzo is a graduate of Rider University and is a certified public accountant.

Mr. Manzo has extensive experience advising distressed companies in the automotive and other industries, and possesses financial and accounting expertise.

**Donald J. Stebbins** is 54 years old and he has been Visteon s Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer since December 1, 2008 and a member of the Board of Directors since December 2006. Prior to that, Mr. Stebbins was President and Chief Executive Officer since June 2008 and President and Chief Operating Officer since joining the Company in May 2005. Before joining Visteon, Mr. Stebbins served as President and Chief Operating Officer of operations in Europe, Asia and Africa for Lear Corporation since August 2004, President and Chief Operating Officer of Lear s operations in the Americas since September 2001, and prior to that as Lear s Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Stebbins is also a director of WABCO Holdings and ITT Corporation.

Mr. Stebbins has more than 25 years of leadership experience in global operations and finance, including over 18 years of experience in the automotive supplier industry. He has held several key positions at the Company, including chief operating officer and currently chairman, chief executive officer and president. Mr. Stebbins is the only member of management who serves on the Board of Directors.

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**Harry J. Wilson** is 40 years old and he has been a Director of Visteon since July 28, 2011. He has been the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Maeva Group, LLC, a turnaround and restructuring boutique, since January 2011. Prior to that, he served as a Senior Advisor on the President s Automotive Task Force from March 2009 to August 2009, and he was a Partner at Silver Point Capital, a credit oriented investment fund, where he joined as a Senior Analyst in May 2003 and served until August 2008. Mr. Wilson was the Republican nominee for the office of New York State Comptroller in 2010. He also serves on the Board of YRC Worldwide, Inc.

Mr. Wilson has extensive financial and transactional expertise, including advising distressed companies in the automotive and other industries.

## **Directors Not Standing for Re-election**

Philippe Guillemot is 52 years old and he has been a director of Visteon since October 1, 2010. Mr. Guillemot served as the Chief Executive Officer of Europear Groupe SA, a provider of passenger car and light utility vehicle rentals, from April 2010 to February 2012. Prior to that, he was Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of AREVA T&D Holdings SA, a multinational construction and engineering firm, since 2004. Mr. Guillemot has held various automotive management positions with Faurecia SA, Valeo SA and Michelin. Mr. Guillemot is not standing for re-election as a director of the Company at the 2012 Annual Meeting.

Herbert L. Henkel is 63 years old and he has been a director of Visteon since October 1, 2010. Mr. Henkel is the former Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Ingersoll-Rand plc, a manufacturer of industrial products and components. Mr. Henkel retired from Ingersoll-Rand as Chairman of the Board on June 3, 2010, a position he held since May 2000, and retired as Ingersoll-Rand s Chief Executive Officer, a position he held since October 1999, on February 4, 2010. Mr. Henkel also served as President and Chief Operating Officer of Ingersoll-Rand from April 1999 to October 1999. Prior to that, he held various leadership roles at Textron, Inc, including its President and Chief Operating Officer from 1998-1999. Mr. Henkel also serves as a director of 3M Company and C. R. Bard, Inc. Mr. Henkel has also served as a director of AT&T Corp. during the past five years. Mr. Henkel is not standing for re-election as a director of the Company at the 2012 Annual Meeting.

Mark T. Hogan is 60 years old and he has been a director of Visteon since October 1, 2010. Mr. Hogan has been the President of Dewey Investments LLC, a consultant to automotive-related entities, since January 2010, and Chairman of the Toyota North American Advisory Committee, since September 2010. Prior to that he was Chief Executive Officer and President of The Vehicle Production Group, LLC, a designer and marketer of automobiles to serve mobility impaired individuals, since January 2008. Mr. Hogan also served as the President of Magna International Inc., an automotive components supplier, from September 2004 to December 2007, and, prior to joining Magna, Mr. Hogan held a variety of management and executive positions with General Motors Corporation. Mr. Hogan is not standing for re-election as a director of the Company at the 2012 Annual Meeting.

Karl J. Krapek is 63 years old and he has been a director of Visteon since February 2003. Mr. Krapek is the former President and Chief Operating Officer of United Technologies Corporation, a global supplier of aerospace and building systems products, a position he held from April 1999 to January 2002. Prior to that he was named Executive Vice President and a Director in 1997, and served as President of United Technologies Pratt and Whitney Company since 1992. Mr. Krapek currently serves as a director of Northrop Grumman Corporation, Prudential Financial, Inc. and The Connecticut Bank and Trust Company. He has also served as a director of Alcatel-Lucent and Delta Airlines, Inc. during the last five years. Mr. Krapek is not standing for re-election as a director of the Company at the 2012 Annual Meeting.

#### CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

## **Corporate Governance Guidelines**

The Board has adopted Corporate Governance Guidelines to define the role of the Board, its structure and composition, as well as set forth principles regarding director commitment expectations and compensation. The guidelines also limit the number of other boards a director may serve on and the maximum age of directors.

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## **Board Leadership Structure**

The Company s Plan of Reorganization provided that the Chief Executive Officer would also serve as the Chairman of the Board upon the Company s emergence from bankruptcy. The Board believes the interests of all stockholders continue to be best served through this leadership model with a combined Chairman/Chief Executive Officer position. The current Chief Executive Officer possesses an in-depth knowledge of the Company, its global operations, the evolving automotive industry, and the array of challenges to be faced, gained through over 19 years of experience in the global automotive supplier industry. The Board believes that these experiences and other insights put the Chief Executive Officer in the best position to provide broad leadership for the Board as it considers strategy and as it exercises its fiduciary responsibilities to its stockholders. The Board retains authority to separate the positions of Chairman and Chief Executive Officer if it determines that it is not the best structure for the Company and its stakeholders in the future.

Also, the Board is comprised entirely of independent directors except the Chief Executive Officer, and all of the members of the Audit, Organization and Compensation, Corporate Governance and Nominating, and Finance and Corporate Strategy Committees are independent. In addition, after considering evolving governance practices, in December of 2010, the Board designated one of the independent Directors to serve in a lead capacity (the Lead Independent Director ) to coordinate the activities of the other outside Directors and to perform the duties and responsibilities as the Board of Directors may determine from time to time. Currently, these responsibilities include:

Preside at all meetings of the Board at which the Chairman is not present, including executive sessions of the outside Directors;

Review board meeting agendas in collaboration with the Chairman and Secretary, and recommend matters for the Board to consider and information to be provided to the Board;

Review meeting schedules to assure that all Directors can perform their duties responsibly and that there is sufficient time for discussion of all agenda items;

Monitor information delivered by management to the Board of Directors and provide input, as appropriate, as to the quantity, quality and timeliness of such information that is necessary for the Directors to effectively and responsibly perform their duties;

Counsel the CEO on issues of interest/concern to directors and encourage all directors to engage the CEO with their interests and concerns;

Serve as a liaison on Board-related issues between the Chairman and outside Directors;

Call special meetings of the outside Directors as needed;

Assist the Board and Company officers in assuring compliance with and implementation of the Company s Corporate Governance Guidelines; work in conjunction with the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee to recommend revisions, as appropriate, to the Corporate Governance Guidelines;

Advise the Chairman concerning the retention of advisors and consultants who report directly to the Board;

If requested by major stockholders, ensure that he or she is available for consultation and direct communication; and

Help set the tone for the highest standards of ethics and integrity.

The Board believes the Lead Independent Director can help provide effective, independent Board leadership while the Company has a combined Chairman/Chief Executive Officer position.

## **Board Risk Oversight**

The Board believes that its primary responsibility is to oversee the business and affairs of the Company for the protection and enhancement of shareholder value, which includes assessing major risks facing the Company and options for mitigating these risks. The committees help the Board carry out this responsibility by focusing on specific key areas of risk inherent in our business.

The Audit Committee oversees risks associated with financial and accounting matters, including compliance with legal and regulatory requirements, and the Company s financial reporting and internal control systems.

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The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee oversees risks associated with corporate governance, including Board structure and director succession planning.

The Organization and Compensation Committee helps ensure that the Company s compensation policies and practices support the retention and development of executive talent with the experience required to manage risks inherent to the business and do not encourage or reward excessive risk-taking by our executives.

The Finance and Corporate Strategy Committee oversees risks associated with financial instruments, financial policies and strategies, and capital structure.

The Board receives regular updates from the committees about their activities in this regard. The Company s enterprise risk management approach utilizes a risk committee comprised of management level employees to monitor, manage and communicate significant risks related to global financial, operating, strategic, and compliance matters. The risk committee meets on a regular basis, and is chaired by the Company s General Counsel, who makes periodic reports to the Chief Executive Officer and the Board of Directors or its committees.

#### **Director Independence**

The Corporate Governance Guidelines adopted by the Board of Directors provide that a majority of the members of the Board, and each member of the Audit, Organization and Compensation, Corporate Governance and Nominating, and Finance and Corporate Strategy Committees, must meet the independence criteria of applicable law and stock exchange listing standards. For a director to be considered independent, the Board must determine that the director does not have any direct or indirect material relationship with the Company. To assist it in determining director independence, the Board of Directors has adopted the Visteon Director Independence Guidelines. The Visteon Director Independence Guidelines contain categorical standards of independence which conform to, or are more exacting than applicable law and stock exchange listing standards. In addition to applying its guidelines, the Board will consider all relevant facts and circumstances that it is aware of in making an independence determination.

The Board undertook its annual review of director independence in February 2012, and, based on the listing standards of the New York Stock Exchange and the Visteon Director Independence Guidelines, the Board has affirmatively determined that all of the non-employee directors, namely Messrs. Cocroft, Dowd, Guillemot, Henkel, Hogan, Jones, Krapek, Leuliette, and Wilson, are independent. None of these non-employee directors currently has any relationship with the Company (other than as a director or stockholder). Mr. Stebbins is not independent due to his employment as a senior executive of the Company. In April 2012, the Board also affirmatively determined that Mr. Manzo, a director nominee, would be independent based on the listing standards of the New York Stock Exchange and the Visteon Director Independence Guidelines.

## **Meetings and Executive Sessions**

During 2011, the Board of Directors held fourteen regularly scheduled and special meetings. Under the Company s Corporate Governance Guidelines, directors are expected to attend all scheduled Board and committee meetings as well as the Company s Annual Meeting of Stockholders. No director attended less than 75% of the aggregate number of meetings of the Board and Board committees on which he or she served during 2011. All current directors who were also on the Board at the time of such meeting attended the last Annual Meeting of stockholders in 2011.

Pursuant to the Corporate Governance Guidelines, the non-employee directors meet without management at the end of every regularly scheduled Board meeting, and the independent directors meet without management at least once per year. The presiding director at these meetings is the Lead Independent Director, or if there be none, the most tenured independent director in attendance.

## **Board Committees**

The Board has established four standing committees. The principal functions of each committee are briefly described on the following pages.

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#### **Audit Committee**

The Board has a standing Audit Committee, currently consisting of Duncan H. Cocroft (Chair), Philippe Guillemot, Herbert L. Henkel and Timothy D. Leuliette, all of whom are considered independent under the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the New York Stock Exchange listing standards and the Visteon Director Independence Guidelines. The Board has determined that each of the current members of the Audit Committee has accounting and related financial management expertise within the meaning of the listing standards of the New York Stock Exchange, and each of Messrs. Cocroft, Henkel and Leuliette is qualified as an audit committee financial expert within the meaning of the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. During 2011, the Audit Committee held ten regularly scheduled and special meetings. The duties of the Audit Committee are generally:

to select and evaluate the independent registered public accounting firm;

to approve all audit and non-audit engagement fees and terms;

to review the activities and the reports of the Company s independent registered public accounting firm;

to review internal controls, accounting practices, financial structure and financial reporting, including the results of the annual audit and review of interim financial statements:

to review and monitor compliance procedures; and

to report the results of its review to the Board.

The charter of the Audit Committee, as well as any future revisions to such charter, is available on the Company s website at www.visteon.com/investors. The Audit Committee Report can be found beginning on page 38.

## **Organization and Compensation Committee**

The Board also has a standing Organization and Compensation Committee, consisting of Mark T. Hogan (Chair), Duncan H. Cocroft, Kevin I. Dowd, Philippe Guillemot and Karl J. Krapek, all of whom are considered independent under the New York Stock Exchange listing standards and the Visteon Director Independence Guidelines. During 2011, the Organization and Compensation Committee held eleven regularly scheduled and special meetings and took action by written consent two times in lieu of additional meetings. The Organization and Compensation Committee oversees the Company s programs for compensating executive officers and other key management employees, including the administration of the Company s stock-based compensation plans, and approves the salaries, bonuses and other awards to executive officers. Other duties of the Organization and Compensation Committee are generally:

to review and approve corporate goals and objectives relative to the compensation of the Chief Executive Officer, evaluate the Chief Executive Officer s performance and set the Chief Executive Officer s compensation level based on this evaluation;

to review and approve executive compensation and incentive plans;

to approve the payment of cash performance bonuses and the granting of stock-based awards to the Company s employees, including officers; and

to review and recommend management development and succession planning.

The charter of the Organization and Compensation Committee, as well as any future revisions to such charter, is available on the Company s website at www.visteon.com/investors.

The Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, with the consultation of the Senior Vice President, Human Resources, provides recommendations to the committee on the amount and forms of executive compensation, and assists in the preparation of Committee meeting agendas. Pursuant to the Company s 2010 Incentive Plan, the Committee may delegate its power and duties under such plan to a committee consisting of two or more officers of the Company except in respect of individuals subject to the reporting or liability provisions of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. The Committee has authorized the Senior Vice President, Human Resources, together with the concurrence of either of the chief financial officer or the general counsel, to approve awards of up to

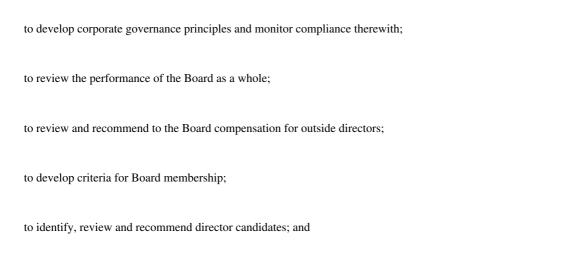
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30,000 stock options and/or stock appreciation rights (subject to an annual limit of 300,000 stock options and/or stock appreciation rights) and up to 15,000 shares of restricted stock and/or restricted stock units (subject to an annual limit of 150,000 shares of restricted stock and/or restricted stock units) to individuals the Company desires to hire or retain, except any individual who is or upon commencing employment will be subject to the liability provisions of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

The Committee has the authority to retain, approve the fees and other terms of, and terminate any compensation consultant, outside counsel or other advisors to assist the committee in fulfilling its duties. During 2011, the Committee retained the firm of Frederic W. Cook & Co., Inc., an executive compensation consulting firm, to advise the Committee on competitive market practices and trends as well as on specific executive compensation matters as requested by the Committee. The Company maintains no other significant direct or indirect business relationships with this firm. In addition, the Company utilizes Towers Watson and Pay Governance to provide broad-based benchmarking data for director and executive pay.

## **Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee**

The Board also has a standing Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee, consisting of Herbert L. Henkel (Chair), Kevin I. Dowd, Mark T. Hogan, Jeffrey D. Jones and Harry J. Wilson., all of whom are considered independent under the New York Stock Exchange listing standards and the Visteon Director Independence Guidelines. During 2011, the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee held four regularly scheduled and special meetings. The duties of the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee are generally:



to review and monitor certain environmental, safety and health matters.

The charter of the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee, as well as any future revisions to such charter, is available on the Company s website at www.visteon.com/investors.

The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee has the authority to retain consultants to assist with director recruitment and compensation matters. During 2011, the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee retained the firm of Frederic W. Cook & Co., Inc., to advise the Committee on competitive market practices and trends for outside director compensation.

## **Finance and Corporate Strategy Committee**

The Board has a standing Finance and Corporate Strategy Committee, consisting of Harry J. Wilson (Chair), Jeffrey D. Jones, Karl J. Krapek and Timothy D. Leuliette, all of whom are considered independent under the Visteon Director Independence Guidelines. During 2011, the Finance and Corporate Strategy Committee held ten regularly scheduled and special meetings. The duties of the Finance and Corporate Strategy Committee generally are:

to review and make recommendations to the Board regarding the Company s cash flow, capital expenditures and financing requirements;

to review the Company s policies with respect to financial risk assessment and management including investment strategies and guidelines;

to review and make recommendations on mergers, acquisitions and other major financial transactions requiring Board approval;

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to consider and recommend to the Board stock sales, repurchases or splits, as appropriate, and any changes in dividend policy; and

to evaluate bona fide proposals in respect of major acquisitions, dispositions, mergers and other transactions for recommendation to the Board.

The charter of the Finance and Corporate Strategy Committee, as well as any future revisions to such charter, is available on the Company s website at www.visteon.com/investors.

## **Code of Ethics**

The Company has adopted a code of ethics, as such phrase is defined in Item 406 of Regulation S-K that applies to all directors, officers and employees of the Company and its subsidiaries, including the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer and the Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer. The code, entitled Ethics and Integrity Policy, is available on the Company s website at www.visteon.com.

#### Communications with the Board of Directors

Stockholders and other persons interested in communicating directly with a committee chairperson or with the non-management directors as a group may do so as described on the Company s website (www.visteon.com/investors), or by writing to the chairperson or non-management directors of Visteon Corporation c/o of the Corporate Secretary, One Village Center Drive, Van Buren Township, Michigan 48111.

The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee also welcomes stockholder recommendations of director candidates. Stockholders may suggest candidates for the consideration of the committee by submitting their suggestions in writing to the Company s Secretary, including the agreement of the nominee to serve as a director. In addition, the Company s Bylaws contain a procedure for the direct nomination of director candidates by stockholders (see page 41), and any such nomination will also be automatically submitted to the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee for consideration.

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## DIRECTOR COMPENSATION

The table below summarizes the compensation paid by the Company to non-employee directors for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011. Directors who are employees of the Company receive no additional compensation for serving on the board.

	Fees Earned or		All Other	
	Paid in Cash	Stock Awards	Compensation	Total
Name	(\$)(2)	(\$)(3)	(\$)	(\$)
Duncan H. Cocroft	110,000	95,000		205,000
Kevin I. Dowd	39,167	82,773		121,940
Philippe Guillemot	95,000	95,000		190,000
Herbert L. Henkel	105,000	95,000		200,000
Mark T. Hogan	87,500	95,000		182,500
Jeffery D. Jones	85,000	95,000		180,000
Karl J. Krapek	110,000	95,000		205,000
Timothy D. Leuliette	95,000	95,000		190,000