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# TO: All U.S. Ford and Lincoln Dealers

# SUBJECT: Safety Recall 15S39 2003-2005 Model Year Crown Victoria and Grand Marquis Vehicles Headlights Inoperative

REF: Advance Notice - Safety Recall 15S39 – Supplement #1 Dated: July 25, 2016

# REF:Customer Satisfaction Program 14N012003-2005 Model Year Crown Victoria and Grand Marquis Vehicles<br/>Extended Warranty Coverage on Lighting Control Module

# AFFECTED VEHICLES

Vehicle	Model Year	Assembly Plant	Build Dates
Crown Victoria	2002 2005	St Thomas	All Ruild Dates Affected
Grand Marquis	2003-2005	St. Thomas	All Build Dates Affected

Affected vehicles are identified in OASIS and FSA VIN Lists.

# **REASON FOR THIS SAFETY RECALL**

In some of the affected vehicles, the lighting control module (LCM) may develop a crack on a solder joint, which connects a relay to the circuit board. This may result in the headlights not illuminating, increasing the risk of crash at night. The headlights may have intermittent operation or flicker prior to loss of headlights. In the event of the loss of headlights, the flash-to-pass operation is still functional.

#### SERVICE ACTION

Dealers are to install a LCM bypass module kit on all affected vehicles. This service must be performed on all affected vehicles at no charge to the vehicle owner, even if headlamps are functioning properly.

**NOTE:** This safety recall supersedes customer satisfaction program 14N01. Vehicles that previously had the LCM replaced under customer satisfaction program 14N01 do not require this repair, and have been excluded from this safety recall. In addition, repairs performed for 14N01 must be dated on or before March 21, 2017.

#### **OWNER NOTIFICATION MAILING SCHEDULE**

Parts to repair this condition are currently not available in sufficient quantities to service all of the affected vehicles. Therefore, to manage the available parts, owners of affected vehicles will be notified in four separate mailings. Mailing will begin by the week of April 10, 2017. Dealers should repair any affected vehicles that arrive at their dealerships, whether or not the customer has received a letter.

#### PLEASE NOTE:

Federal law requires dealers to complete this recall service before a new vehicle is delivered to the buyer or lessee. Violation of this requirement by a dealer could result in a civil penalty of up to \$21,000 per vehicle. Correct all vehicles in your new vehicle inventory before delivery.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment I:Administrative InformationAttachment II:Labor Allowances and Parts Ordering InformationAttachment III:Technical InformationOwner Notification LetterRecall Reimbursement Plan

#### **QUESTIONS & ASSISTANCE**

For questions and assistance, contact the Special Service Support Center (SSSC) via the SSSC Web Contact Site. The SSSC Web Contact Site can be accessed through the Professional Technician Society (PTS) website using the SSSC link listed at the bottom of the OASIS VIN report screen or listed under the SSSC tab.

Sincerely,

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### OASIS ACTIVATION

OASIS was activated on December 21, 2015.

# FSA VIN LISTS ACTIVATION

FSA VIN Lists were available through <u>https://web.fsavinlists.dealerconnection.com</u> on December 21, 2015. Owner names and addresses will be available by July 31, 2017.

**NOTE:** Your FSA VIN Lists may contain owner names and addresses obtained from motor vehicle registration records. The use of such motor vehicle registration data for any purpose other than in connection with this recall is a violation of law in several states, provinces, and countries. Accordingly, you must limit the use of this listing to the follow-up necessary to complete this recall.

# STOCK VEHICLES

• Use OASIS to identify any affected vehicles in your used vehicle inventory.

# SOLD VEHICLES

- Owners of affected vehicles will be directed to dealers for repairs.
- Immediately contact any of your affected customers whose vehicles are not on your VIN list but are identified in OASIS. Give the customer a copy of the Owner Notification Letter (when available) and schedule a service date.
- Correct other affected vehicles identified in OASIS which are brought to your dealership.

#### TITLE BRANDED / SALVAGED VEHICLES

Affected title branded and salvaged vehicles are eligible for this recall.

#### ADDITIONAL REPAIR (LABOR TIME AND/OR PARTS)

Additional repairs identified as necessary to complete the FSA should be managed as follows:

• Submit an Approval Request to the SSSC Web Contact Site prior to completing the repair.

#### OWNER REFUNDS

- This safety recall must still be performed, even if the owner has paid for a previous repair. Claiming a refund will not close the recall on the vehicle.
- Ford Motor Company is offering a refund for owner-paid repairs covered by this recall if the repair was performed prior to the date indicated in the reimbursement plan, which is posted with this bulletin. Owners are directed to seek reimbursement through authorized dealers or, at their option, directly through Ford Motor Company at P.O. Box 6251, Dearborn, MI 48121-6251.
- Dealers are also pre-approved to refund owner-paid <u>emergency</u> repairs that were performed away from an authorized servicing dealer after the end date specified in the reimbursement plan. Non-covered repairs, or those judged by Ford to be excessive, will not be reimbursed.
- Refunds will only be provided for the cost associated with lighting control module (LCM) replacement.

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#### RENTAL VEHICLES

The use of rental vehicles is not approved for this program.

#### **CLAIMS PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION**

- Enter claims using Direct Warranty Entry (DWE) or One Warranty Solution (OWS).
  - o DWE: refer to ACESII manual for claims preparation and submission information.
  - OWS: when entering claims in DMS software, select claim type 31: Field Service Action. The FSA number (15S39) is the sub code.
- Additional labor and/or parts must be claimed as related damage on a separate repair line from the FSA.
- Submit refunds on a separate repair line.
  - Program Code: 15S39
- Misc. Expense: ADMIN
- Misc. Expense: REFUND -
  - Misc. Expense: 0.2 Hrs.
- Multiple refunds should be submitted on one repair line and the invoice details for each repair should be detailed in the comments section of the claim.

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#### LABOR ALLOWANCES

Description	Labor Operation	Labor Time
Install LCM Bypass Module Kit	15S39B	1.3 Hours

#### PARTS REQUIREMENTS / ORDERING INFORMATION

Part Number	Description	Order Quantity
3W7Z-13C788-A	LCM Bypass Module Kit	1

The DOR/COR number for this recall is 51021.

Order your parts through normal order processing channels. To guarantee the shortest delivery time, an emergency order for parts must be placed.

#### DEALER PRICE

For latest prices, refer to DOES II.

#### PARTS RETENTION AND RETURN

Follow the provisions of the Warranty and Policy Manual, Section 1 - WARRANTY PARTS RETENTION AND RETURN POLICIES.

#### EXCESS STOCK RETURN

Excess stock returned for credit must have been purchased from Ford Customer Service Division in accordance with Policy Procedure Bulletin 4000.