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

**SUBJECT: Safety Recall 15S16 – Supplement #1**

Certain 2011-2014 Model Year Fiesta and 2013-2014 Model Year Fusion and MKZ  
Vehicles  
Door Latch Replacement

**New! REASON FOR THIS SUPPLEMENT**

*Service Action: Parts are now available in sufficient quantities to repair all vehicles.*

**AFFECTED VEHICLES**

Vehicle	Model Year	Assembly Plant	Build Dates
Fiesta	2011-2014	Cuautitlan	Job-1 2011 model year to 31-May-2013
Fusion	2013-2014	Hermosillo	Job-1 2013 model year to 31-May-2013
Fusion	2014	Flat Rock	Job-1 2014 model year to 31-May-2013
MKZ	2013-2014	Hermosillo	Job-1 2013 model year to 31-May-2013

Affected vehicles are identified in OASIS and FSA VIN lists.

**REASON FOR THIS SAFETY RECALL**

In all of the affected vehicles, the door latches have a pawl spring tab that may break. This condition will typically prevent the door from latching. In certain situations where the door is able to be closed, the door may unlatch while driving, increasing the risk of injury.

**New! SERVICE ACTION**

Dealers are to replace all four door latches. This service must be performed on all affected vehicles at no charge to the vehicle owner.

*NOTE: Parts are now available in sufficient quantities to repair all vehicles.*

**New! OWNER NOTIFICATION MAILING SCHEDULE**

*Owners of affected vehicles will be notified in separate mailings beginning the week of December 14, 2015.*

**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 \$7,000 per vehicle. Correct all vehicles in your new vehicle inventory before delivery.

**New! ATTACHMENTS**

*Attachment I: Administrative Information*

*Attachment II: Labor Allowances and Parts Ordering Information*

Attachment III: Technical Information

*Owner Notification Letters*

Recall Reimbursement Plan

**QUESTIONS & ASSISTANCE**

For questions and assistance, contact the Special Service Support Center (SSSC) via the SSSC Web Contact Site. It 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,



Michael A. Berardi

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**OASIS ACTIVATED**

OASIS was activated on April 30, 2015.

**New! FSA VIN LIST ACTIVATED**

FSA VIN list was available through <https://web.fsavinlists.dealerconnection.com> on April 30, 2015.  
*Owner names and addresses will be available January 29, 2016.*

**NOTE:** Your FSA VIN list 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.

**New! STOCK VEHICLES**

- *Correct all affected new and used units in your inventory before delivery.*

**New! 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 LABOR TIME AND/OR PARTS**

Dealers are pre-approved to claim up to \$100 in additional parts that may be damaged during the completion of this safety recall.

Contact the SSSC if you have any of the following:

- Damage that you believe was caused by the covered condition.
- A condition that requires additional labor and/or parts to complete the repair (above \$100 as noted above).
- Aftermarket equipment or non-Ford modifications to the vehicle which might prevent the repair of the covered condition.

Contact the SSSC prior to the repair. Please be prepared to provide your requested additional warranty part cost, estimated additional labor time, and dealer specific labor rate. Requests for approval after completion of the repair may not be granted. Ford Motor Company reserves the right to deny coverage for related damage in cases where the vehicle owner has not had this recall performed on a timely basis. Additional related damage parts are subject to random selection for return to the Ford Warranty Parts Analysis Center (WPAC).

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**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 emergency 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 door latch replacement.

**RENTAL VEHICLES**

Ford Motor Company will pay for up to two days of vehicle rental use. Follow Extended Service Plan (ESP) guidelines for dollar amounts. The daily rate can include applicable taxes but must not exceed the stated daily rate. Rentals will only be reimbursed for the days the vehicle is at the dealership for part replacement. Prior approval for more than two rental days is required from the SSSC.

**CLAIMS PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION**

- Enter claims using Direct Warranty Entry (DWE) or One Warranty Solution (OWS).
  - 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 (15S16) is the sub code.
- Claim Related Damage using Program Code/sub code 15S16 on a repair line that is separate from the repair line on which the FSA is claimed with the related damage flag checked. Additional labor and/or more than \$100 in parts require prior approval from the Special Service Support Center.
- For rental vehicle claiming, follow Extended Service Plan (ESP) guidelines for dollar amounts. Enter the total amount of the rental expense under Miscellaneous Expense code "Rental".
- Submit refunds on a separate repair line.
  - Program Code: 15S16
  - 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
Replace all four door latches	15S16B	3.1 Hours

**New! PARTS REQUIREMENTS / ORDERING INFORMATION**

Part Number	Description	Quantity
DE8Z-54264A26-B	Fiesta with Keyless Entry – Kit of four door latches	1
DE8Z-54264A26-A	Fiesta without Keyless Entry* – Kit of four door latches	1
DS7Z-54264A26-A	Fusion and MKZ – Kit of four door latches	1

\*Fiesta vehicles without Keyless Entry are equipped with a lock cylinder in the passenger front door.

The DOR/COR number for this recall is 50594.

*Order your parts through normal order processing channels.*

**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.

## CERTAIN 2011-2014 MODEL YEAR FIESTA AND 2013-2014 MODEL YEAR FUSION AND MKZ VEHICLES — DOOR LATCH REPLACEMENT

### SERVICE PROCEDURE

#### FUSION AND MKZ VEHICLES

##### NOTE:

- To view a video demonstrating the removal and installation of the exterior door handle while installed on the vehicle, click the video icon. 
- To view a video demonstrating the removal and installation of the exterior door handle on a bench for additional clarity, click the video icon. 
- If you experience difficulty removing and/or installing the exterior door handle, you may need to reset the door handle reinforcement. To view a video that will aid technicians in understanding how to reset the door handle reinforcement, or to further understand how the exterior door handle and door reinforcement function, click the video icon. 

#### FUSION, MKZ AND FIESTA VEHICLES

1. Replace all four door latches. For additional information, refer to WSM Section 501-14.



**Ford Motor Company**  
**Recall Reimbursement Plan for 15S16**

*Ford and Lincoln dealers are in the best position to quickly and efficiently process reimbursement requests. However, federal legislation requires all motor vehicle manufacturers to establish processes through which customers may seek recall reimbursement directly from the manufacturer or from the dealers.*

*Regarding the specific reimbursement plan for Recall # 15S16, owners who have paid for service to remedy the defect or noncompliance must have had that service performed prior to January 31, 2016. After this date, if repairs related to this recall are performed by a non-Ford repair facility in an emergency situation, customers must submit any refund requests through their dealership. As required by this federal regulation, Ford Motor Company submitted the details of its latest General Recall Reimbursement Plan in a letter to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) in February 2015. The following is the text of that letter and the Plan:*

**General Recall Reimbursement Plan**  
(As submitted to the NHTSA)

Pursuant to the requirements set forth in 49 CFR Part 573 and Part 577 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Ford Motor Company (Ford) is submitting required information pertaining to our general reimbursement plan for the cost of remedies paid for by vehicle owners before they are notified of a related safety recall.

Set forth below is Ford's general plan to reimburse owners and purchasers for costs incurred for remedies in advance of notification of potential safety-related defects or noncompliances pursuant to Part 573.6 (c)(8)(i). This plan has not changed since our February 20, 2013 submission.

**Reimbursement Notification**

Ford's notice to a vehicle owner in accordance with 49 CFR Part 577 will indicate that Ford is offering a refund if the owner paid to have service to remedy the defect or noncompliance prior to a specified ending date. In accordance with Part 573.13 (c)(2), this ending date will be defined as a minimum of ten calendar days after the date on which Ford mailed the last of its Part 577 notifications to owners, and will be indicated in the specific reimbursement plan available to owners for an individual recall. This notice will direct owners to seek eligible reimbursement through authorized dealers or, at their option, directly through Ford at the following address:

Ford Motor Company  
P.O. Box 6251  
Dearborn, MI 48121-6251

Ford notes that this rule allows for the identification of a beginning date for reimbursement eligibility. Under the rule, an owner who paid to remedy the defect or noncompliance prior to the identified beginning date would not be eligible for reimbursement. Ford generally has not established such a beginning date for reimbursement eligibility and does not presently anticipate changing this general policy. However, in any case where Ford determines a beginning date is appropriate, Ford will indicate that date in the owner notice. As permitted by 577.11(e), Ford may not include a reimbursement notification when all vehicles are well within the warranty period, subject to approval by the agency.

## **Costs to be Reimbursed**

For vehicles, reimbursement will not be less than the lesser of:

- The amount paid by the owner for the remedy that specifically addressed and was reasonably necessary to correct the defect or noncompliance that is the subject of the recall, or
- The cost of parts for the remedy (to be no more than the manufacturer's list retail price for authorized part(s), plus associated labor at local labor rates, miscellaneous fees (such as disposal of waste) and taxes.

For replacement equipment, reimbursement will be the amount paid by the owner for the replacement item (limited by the amount of the retail list price of the defective or noncompliant item that was replaced, plus taxes, where the brand or model purchased by the owner was different than the brand or model that was the subject of the recall). If the item of motor vehicle equipment was repaired, the reimbursement provisions identified above for vehicles will apply.

Ford notes that costs incurred by the owner within the period during which Ford's original or extended warranty would have provided for a free repair of the problem will not be eligible for reimbursement, as provided by Part 573.13 (d)(1).

### Entities Authorized to Provide Reimbursement

Ford will continue to use authorized dealers to reimburse owners under the specific reimbursement plans for a particular recall, and will encourage owners to pursue requests for reimbursement directly through dealers to expedite reimbursement. Ford will also provide a mailing address to which customers can, at their option, send requests for reimbursement directly to Ford, as previously noted. Requests for reimbursement sent directly to Ford may take up to 60 days to process. Whether the owner chooses to pursue reimbursement requests through a dealer or directly through Ford, the owner will be directed to submit the required documentation, upon which reimbursement eligibility will be determined.

## **Required Documentation**

The reimbursement determination will depend upon the information provided by the customer. Consistent with Part 573.13 (d)(4) the following information must be submitted:

- Claimant name and address
- Vehicle make, model, and model year
- Vehicle identification number (VIN) and, for replacement equipment, a description of such equipment or, for tires, the model, size and TIN (DOT code)
- Identification of the recall number (either the Ford recall number or the NHTSA recall number)
- Identification of the owner of the recalled vehicle at the time that the pre-notification remedy was obtained
- An original receipt for the pre-notification remedy that includes a breakdown of the amount for parts, labor, other costs and taxes, including costs for the replacement item. Where the receipt covers work other than to address the recall or noncompliance, Ford may require the claimant to separately identify costs that are eligible for reimbursement.
- If the remedy was obtained during the warranty period, documentation indicating that the warranty was not honored or the warranty repair did not correct the problem related to the recall.

Failure to submit all of the above information may result in denial of the reimbursement request.



**Additional Information**

The Part 577 required owner notice will provide a toll-free telephone number through which specific information about the reimbursement plan can be requested from Ford. This general reimbursement plan will be incorporated into notifications pursuant to Part 573.6 by reference. Information specific to an individual recall also may be incorporated into the Part 573.6 notification.