CERTAIN 2017 MODEL YEAR MUSTANG VEHICLES — LEFT-HAND INTERIOR FRONT DOOR HANDLE SPRING INSPECTION

OVERVIEW

Some of the affected vehicles may not conform to the requirements specified by Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) 206 S4.1.1.4, Door Locks & Door Retention Components – Inertial Load Requirement. A spring inside the left-hand interior door handle may be installed incorrectly. If the spring becomes unseated, the door could unlatch during a side impact, increasing the risk of injury in a crash.

Before demonstrating or delivering any new in-stock vehicles involved in this recall, dealers are to inspect the left-hand interior door handle spring and repair vehicles as needed following the technical instructions. This service must be performed on all affected vehicles at no charge to the vehicle owner.

SERVICE PROCEDURE

- 1. Inspect the position of the spring inside the left-hand (LH) interior front door handle. See Figure 1.
 - If the spring is correctly installed, the spring tail will be approximately 3 mm (0.1 in) from the edge of the door handle spring wall. No service is required.
 - If the spring tail is flush or above the edge of the door handle spring wall <u>OR</u> the spring is missing, proceed to Step 2.



- 2. Remove the LH interior front door handle. Please follow the Workshop Manual (WSM) procedures in Section 501-14.
 - If the spring is installed incorrectly, remove the spring then proceed to Step 4.

NOTE: An incorrectly installed spring can be easily removed with needle nose pliers.

- 3. If the spring is missing, it may be located behind the door trim panel or inside the vehicle passenger compartment. Was the spring recovered?
 - YES Proceed to Step 4.
 - NO Install a *new* LH interior front door handle. Please follow the WSM procedures in Section 501-14. Service is complete.
- 4. Reinstall the spring into the LH interior front door handle in the correct orientation. Press downward until the spring is fully seated. See Figure 2.
 - When installed correctly the longer spring tail should face forward, toward the front of the vehicle when the handle is reinstalled.

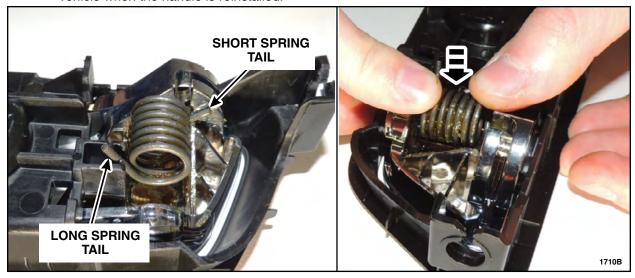


FIGURE 2

5. Install the LH interior front door handle. Please follow the WSM procedures in Section 501-14.