

Ford Motor Company Ford Customer Service Division P. O. Box 1904 Dearborn, Michigan 48121

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### \* \* \* IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL \* \* \*

#### Safety Recall Notice 17S34 / NHTSA Recall 17V-668

Mr. John Sample 123 Main Street Anywhere, USA 12345

Your Vehicle Identification Number (VIN): 12345678901234567

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Ford Motor Company has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in your vehicle, with the VIN shown above.

We apologize for this situation and want to assure you that, with your assistance, we will correct this condition. Our commitment, together with your dealer, is to provide you with the highest level of service and support.

#### What is the issue?

On your vehicle, it may be possible for water to collect and splash in the driver's side footwell area of the vehicle where the Trailer Module that controls trailer lighting is located. Water intrusion may cause corrosion and damage to the wiring and Trailer Module.

#### What is the risk?

Trailer Module water intrusion may result in rapid flashing of the turn signals, loss of instrument cluster display, loss of heater and air conditioning controls, and loss of multimedia (radio, display screen, SYNC). Wiring corrosion from prolonged water intrusion could also result in an electrical short, which could cause an uncommanded seatbelt pretensioner deployment, a burning smell, and/or an increased risk of fire, including when the vehicle is parked and the ignition is off.

# What will Ford and your dealer do?

Parts are available to repair your vehicle. Ford Motor Company has authorized your dealer to add a drainage hole in the driver's footwell and, if necessary, add an inline fuse to the Trailer Module free of charge (parts and labor).

#### How long will it take?

The time needed for this repair is less than one-half day. However, due to service scheduling requirements, your dealer may need your vehicle for a longer period of time.

#### What should you do?

Until the recall is performed, Ford recommends that you park your vehicle outdoors away from structures in the event of an electrical short and fire.

Please call your dealer without delay and request a service date for Recall 17S34. Provide the dealer with your VIN, which is printed near your name at the beginning of this letter.

If you do not already have a servicing dealer, you can access www.Fordowner.com for dealer addresses, maps, and driving instructions.

Ford Motor Company wants you to have this safety recall completed on your vehicle. The vehicle owner is responsible for making arrangements to have the work completed. Ford Motor Company can deny coverage for any vehicle damage that may result from the failure to have this recall performed on a timely basis. Therefore, please have this recall performed as soon as possible.

Please note: Federal law requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

NOTE: You can receive information about Recalls and Customer Satisfaction Programs through our FordPass App. The app can be downloaded through the App Store or Google Play. In addition there are other features such as reserving and paying for parking in certain locations and controlling certain functions on your vehicle (lock or unlock doors, remote start) if it is equipped to allow control.

## Have you previously paid for this repair?

If you have previously paid for a repair that addresses the issue described in this letter, you still need to have this recall performed to ensure the correct parts and procedures were used.

You may be eligible for a refund of previously paid repairs. Refunds will only be provided for service related to damage to the Trailer Module and associated wiring due to the presence of water or corrosion. To verify eligibility and <u>expedite reimbursement</u>, give your paid original receipt to your dealer.

Refund requests may also be sent directly to Ford Motor Company. To request your refund from Ford, send the refund request with all required documentation, including your original repair receipt (no photocopies), to Ford Motor Company at P.O. Box 6251, Dearborn, Michigan 48121-6251. Refund requests mailed to this address may take up to 60 days to process. Your original receipt will be returned to you.

Detailed information regarding eligibility for Ford's reimbursement program and documentation requirements may be obtained by contacting the Ford Customer Relationship Center at 1-866-436-7332.

### What if you no longer own this vehicle?

If you no longer own this vehicle, and have an address for the current owner, please forward this letter to the new owner.

You received this notice because government regulations require that notification be sent to the last known owner of record. Our records are based primarily on state registration and title data, which indicate that you are the current owner.

### Can we assist you further?

If you have difficulties getting your vehicle repaired promptly and without charge, please contact your dealership's Service Manager for assistance.

<u>RETAIL OWNERS</u>: If you have questions or concerns, please contact our **Ford Customer Relationship Center at 1-866-436-7332** and one of our representatives will be happy to assist you. If you wish to contact us through the Internet, our address is: <a href="https://www.Fordowner.com">www.Fordowner.com</a>.

For the hearing impaired call 1-800-232-5952 (TDD). Representatives are available Monday through Friday: 8:00AM - 8:00PM (Eastern Time).

<u>FLEET OWNERS</u>: If you have questions or concerns, please contact our **Fleet Customer Information Center at 1-800-34-FLEET**, choose Option #3, and one of our representatives will be happy to assist you. If you wish to contact us through the Internet, our address is: <a href="www.fleet.ford.com">www.fleet.ford.com</a>.

Representatives are available Monday through Friday: 8:00AM - 8:00PM (Eastern Time).

<u>MOTORHOME OWNERS</u>: If you have questions or concerns, please contact our **Motorhome Customer Assistance Center toll free at 1-866-906-9811**. Representatives are available 24 hours a day.

If you are still having difficulty getting your vehicle repaired in a reasonable time or without charge, you may write the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave. S.E., Washington, D.C. 20590 or call the toll free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153) or go to <a href="https://www.safercar.gov">www.safercar.gov</a>. Reference NHTSA Safety Recall 17V-668.

## Para asistencia en Español

Visite nuestro sitio web para ver este anuncio en Español al siguiente dirección: https://es.owner.ford.com/recall.

Si necesita ayuda o tiene alguna pregunta, por favor llame al Centro de Relación con Clientes al 1-866-436-7332 y presione 2 para Español.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

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