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

SUBJECT: NEW VEHICLE DEMONSTRATION / DELIVERY HOLD - Advance Notice - Safety

Recall 17S41

Certain 2017 Model Year F-53 Motorhome Chassis and F-59 Commercial Stripped

**Chassis Vehicles** 

4 Channel Hydraulic Brakes - Missing Ball Plugs

### **AFFECTED VEHICLES**

| Vehicle   | Model Year | Assembly Plant  | Build Dates                                 |
|-----------|------------|-----------------|---|
| F-53/F-59 | 2017       | Detroit Chassis | November 10, 2016 through November 17, 2016 |

Affected vehicles are identified in OASIS and FSA VIN Lists.

# **REASON FOR THIS SAFETY RECALL**

In some of the affected vehicles, the hydraulic electronic control unit (HECU) may have been built without ball plugs in the hydraulic block. This could result in air ingestion or brake fluid leaking during an electronic brake distribution (EBD) or anti-lock brake system (ABS) activation.

- Air ingestion may result in unexpected, increased brake pedal travel.
- The amount of brake fluid that leaks is dependent on the number and duration of EBD and ABS events that occur. Sufficient loss of brake fluid may result in increased pedal travel and/or increased stopping distance, and may illuminate the brake warning light.

These conditions may increase the risk of a crash.

#### **SERVICE ACTION**

DO NOT DEMONSTRATE OR DELIVER any new in-stock vehicles involved in this safety recall. A complete Dealer Bulletin will be provided to dealers January 2018, when it is anticipated that parts ordering information and repair instructions will be available to support this safety recall.

# **CUSTOMER NOTIFICATION**

Owners of record will be notified via first-class mail after repair instructions and parts ordering information have been provided to dealers.

### **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 prior to delivery.

# **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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