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

#### SUBJECT: NEW VEHICLE DEMONSTRATION / DELIVERY HOLD 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

Before demonstrating or delivering any new in-stock vehicles involved in this recall, dealers are to inspect the hydraulic block, and replace the HECU if the ball plugs are not present. This service must be performed on all affected vehicles at no charge to the vehicle owner.

# **OWNER NOTIFICATION MAILING SCHEDULE**

Owner letters are expected to be mailed the week of January 22, 2018. 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 LettersRecall 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 1, 2017.

## FSA VIN LISTS ACTIVATION

FSA VIN Lists were available through <u>https://web.fsavinlists.dealerconnection.com</u> on December 1, 2017. Owner names and addresses will be available by February 6, 2018.

**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.

## 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.
- Dealers are to prioritize repairs of customer vehicles over repairs of new and used vehicle inventory.

## STOCK VEHICLES

• Correct all affected units in your new vehicle inventory before delivery.

## **DEALER-OPERATED RENTAL VEHICLES**

The Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act law effective June 2016 prohibits a rental company from selling, renting or leasing vehicles subject to a safety or compliance recall. Please consult your legal counsel for legal advice.

## 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:

- For vehicles within new vehicle bumper-to-bumper warranty coverage, follow existing warranty and policy guidelines for related damage claims. No SSSC approval is required for these vehicles:
- For vehicles outside new vehicle bumper-to-bumper warranty coverage, submit an Approval Request to the SSSC Web Contact Site prior to completing the repair.

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#### OWNER REFUNDS

- 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 HECU replacement.

## RENTAL VEHICLES

Rental vehicles are 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 17S41 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: 17S41 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.

# ATTACHMENT II

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#### LABOR ALLOWANCES

Description	Labor Operation	Labor Time
Replace (includes inspect and brake bleed) ABS Hydraulic Electronic Control Unit	MT17S41A	Actual Time up to 1.5 Hours

#### PARTS REQUIREMENTS / ORDERING INFORMATION

Part Number	Part Number Description		Claim Quantity
GU9Z-2C215-B	ABS Hydraulic Electronic Control Unit	1	1

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.