

U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

August 18, 2020

Mr. Adrian Diaz Assistant Engineering Director Automotive Safety Office Ford Motor Company 330 Town Center Drive Suite 500/5024 Dearborn, MI 48126

Subject: Rear Coil Springs may Fracture

Dear Mr. Diaz:

This letter serves to acknowledge Ford Motor Company's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

NEF-150DM

20V-470

Makes/Models/Model Years:

LINCOLN/CORSAIR/2020

Mfr's Report Date: August 10, 2020

NHTSA Campaign Number: 20V-470

Components:

SUSPENSION:REAR:SPRINGS:COIL SPRINGS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 2,965

Problem Description:

Ford Motor Company (Ford) is recalling certain 2020 Lincoln Corsair vehicles. There may be insufficient clearance between the rear coil springs and the rear toe link brackets possibly allowing the components to make contact, wearing away the protective coating on the spring and, over time, increasing the risk of corrosion which may result in the coil spring(s) breaking.

Consequence:

A fractured rear coil spring can affect vehicle handling. Additionally, a broken rear coil spring may separate from the vehicle and potentially become a road hazard. Either scenario can increase the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Ford will notify owners, and dealers will inspect for proper clearance between the toe link bracket and coil spring. If necessary, the toe link bracket edge will be trimmed according to the service procedure and a new coil spring will be installed, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin September 21, 2020. Owners may contact Ford customer service at 1-866-436-7332. Ford's number for this recall is 20S41.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.



Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be DeMara Magruder who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-8538, or by email at demara.magruder@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Joshua Neff

Chief, Recall Management Division Office of Defects Investigations

Enforcement

