

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

## 21V-922

**Manufacturer Name :** Ford Motor Company

**Submission Date :** FEB 10, 2022

**NHTSA Recall No. :** 21V-922

**Manufacturer Recall No. :** 21C31



### Manufacturer Information :

**Manufacturer Name :** Ford Motor Company

**Address :** 330 Town Center Drive

Suite 500 Dearborn MI 48126-2738

**Company phone :** 1-866-436-7332

### Population :

**Number of potentially involved :** 114,666

**Estimated percentage with defect :** 100 %

### Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2021-2022 Ford Bronco Sport  
Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES  
Body Style :  
Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : Affected vehicles have a lower than specified rear brake lining coefficient of friction and are equipped with a brake vacuum booster without a vacuum sensor.

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2021 Escape = 49,553  
2022 Bronco Sport = 12  
2022 Escape = 2

February 10, 2022 Update:  
2021 Bronco Sport = 64,708  
2021 Escape = 49,948  
2022 Bronco Sport = 8  
2022 Escape = 2  
New total = 114, 666

These vehicles are not produced in VIN order. Information as to the applicability of this action to specific vehicles can best be obtained by either calling Ford's toll-free line (1-866-436-7332) or by contacting a local Ford or Lincoln dealer who can obtain specific information regarding the vehicles from the Ford On-line Automotive Service Information System (OASIS) database.

Production Dates : JAN 27, 2021 - NOV 11, 2021

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

Not sequential

Vehicle 2 : 2021-2022 Ford Escape

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

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Production Dates : DEC 14, 2020 - OCT 26, 2021

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Not sequential

## Description of Noncompliance :

**Description of the Noncompliance :** Some vehicles may be equipped with rear brake linings that have a friction coefficient that is outside of the specified tolerances. These vehicles are equipped with a brake vacuum booster without a vacuum sensor. The vacuum sensor compensated for variation in brake pad friction performance.

FMVSS 1 : 135 - Light vehicle brake systems

FMVSS 2 : NR

**Description of the Safety Risk :** If one of the affected vehicles experiences a booster malfunction, the customer may experience increased brake pedal forces and extended stopping distances beyond FMVSS 135 requirements, increasing the risk of a

**Description of the Cause :** crash.  
The brake system depends on a specified brake lining friction coefficient to achieve design intent stopping distances. A lower than specified brake lining friction coefficient could increase the stopping distances beyond FMVSS 135 requirements for "Brake Power Assist Unit Inoperative".

**Identification of Any Warning that can Occur :** None

## Involved Components :

**Component Name 1 :** Brake Linings

**Component Description :** Rear Brake Caliper Assembly

**Component Part Number :** NX61-2D251-BNA Left Rear Caliper and NX61-2D250-BNA Right Rear Caliper

## Supplier Identification :

### Component Manufacturer

**Name :** Continental Automotive Mexicana, S.A. de

**Address :** Circuito San Miguelito Poniente 132

Cd. Satellite Zona Industrial, Delegacion San Luis Potosi Foreign States 78423

**Country :** Mexico

## Chronology :

see attached document for chronology

## Description of Remedy :

**Description of Remedy Program :** Ford is still validating the service remedy for this issue. An update will be provided to the Agency after the investigation is completed. Tentative remedy is as follows: Owners will be notified by mail and instructed to take their vehicle to a Ford or Lincoln dealer for replacement of the front and/or rear brake linings with a higher friction design. There will be no charge for this service.

Ford is excluding reimbursement for costs because the original warranty program would provide for a free repair for this concern.

Ford will forward a copy of the notification letters to dealers to the agency when available.

February 10, 2022 Update: The service remedy will involve replacement of the front brake linings with a higher friction design.

**How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component :** Ford is still validating the service remedy for this issue. An update will be provided to the Agency after the investigation is completed. The tentative remedy front and/or rear brake linings have a higher coefficient of friction than design intent and will compensate for the brake lining friction variation and enable the vehicle to meet all FMVSS 135 stopping distance requirements.

Part numbers for the replacement brake linings have not been created yet.

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**Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production :** N/A

## Recall Schedule :

**Description of Recall Schedule :** Notification to dealers is expected to occur on January 3, 2022. Mailing of owner notification letters is expected to begin January 10, 2022 and is expected to be completed by January 14, 2022 instructing customers to take their vehicle to a Ford or Lincoln dealer to have the brake linings replaced.

February 10, 2022 Update: Mailing of owner notification letters instructing customers to take their vehicle to a Ford dealer is expected to be completed in the late 2nd quarter of calendar year 2022.

**Planned Dealer Notification Date :** JAN 03, 2022 - JAN 03, 2022

**Planned Owner Notification Date :** JAN 10, 2022 - JAN 14, 2022

\* NR - Not Reported