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

# SUBJECT: NEW VEHICLE DEMONSTRATION / DELIVERY HOLD - Advance Notice Compliance Recall 21C36

Certain 2021 2022 Model Year Maverick and Mach - E Vehicle Rear Seat Belt Anchor Thread Repair

#### **AFFECTED VEHICLES**

Vehicle	Model Year	Assembly Plant	Build Dates
Mustang Mach -E	2021-2022	CSAP	October 5, 2021 through November 18, 2021
Maverick	2022	HSAP	October 6, 2021 through October 20, 2021

Affected vehicles are identified in OASIS and FSA VIN Lists.

## **REASON FOR THIS COMPLIANCE RECALL**

All of the affected vehicles may not conform to the requirements specified by Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) 208 Occupant Crash Protection, and - (FMVSS) 210 Seat Belt Assembly Anchorages. Rear floor assemblies were produced with tapping plates that may have oversized extruded bolt holes used to attach the rear seat belt buckles. Oversized extruded bolt holes may decrease the strength of the fastener joint causing inadequate attachment of the rear seat belts during loading. An inadequately attached rear seat belt could detach under loading and may not adequately restrain an occupant in a crash, increasing the risk of injury.

#### SERVICE ACTION

DO NOT DEMONSTRATE OR DELIVER any new in-stock vehicles involved in this compliance recall. A complete Dealer Bulletin will be provided to dealers the week of January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 when it is anticipated that parts ordering information and repair instructions will be available to support this compliance recall.

IMPORTANT: Dealers should open a Repair Order (RO) only when a full dealer bulletin is published. Opening an RO against an Awareness or Advance Notice will result in warranty rejections against a 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 System (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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