

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

## 22V-083

**Manufacturer Name :** Ford Motor Company

**Submission Date :** FEB 16, 2022

**NHTSA Recall No. :** 22V-083

**Manufacturer Recall No. :** 22S07



### 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 :** 327

**Estimated percentage with defect :** 4 %

### Vehicle Information :

**Vehicle 1 :** 2021-2022 Ford Explorer

**Vehicle Type :** LIGHT VEHICLES

**Body Style :** ALL

**Power Train :** GAS

**Descriptive Information :** Ford's team reviewed supplier process and maintenance records to determine the population of affected parts. The Ford process is capable of tracing front passenger knee airbag production to the vehicle in which the front passenger knee airbag is installed.

Affected vehicles are equipped with suspect front passenger knee airbags.

2021 Ford Explorer - 324

2022 Ford Explorer - 3

**Production Dates :** AUG 23, 2021 - SEP 21, 2021

**VIN Range 1 : Begin :**

NR

**End :** NR

Not sequential

### Description of Defect :

**Description of the Defect :** Affected vehicles were built with a front passenger knee airbag that may have been produced with insufficient welds. An insufficient weld can cause loss of airbag integrity and result in an improper airbag deployment.

**FMVSS 1 :** NR

**FMVSS 2 :** NR

**Description of the Safety Risk :** If the front passenger knee airbag integrity is compromised, it may not provide design intent occupant knee restraint during a deployment, increasing the risk of injury during a crash event that necessitates front passenger knee airbag deployment.

Description of the Cause : Front passenger knee airbag supplier did not adjust welding parameters correctly after a tool changeover.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : None.

## Involved Components :

Component Name 1 : CMPT & DR ASY GLV

Component Description : Front Passenger Knee Airbag/Glove Box

Component Part Number : KR3B-63060T10-BJW

## Supplier Identification :

### Component Manufacturer

Name : FAURECIA INTERIOR SYSTEMS SALINE, LLC

Address : 7700 EAST MICHIGAN AVENUE  
SALINE Michigan 48176

Country : United States

## Chronology :

Chronology is provided as an attachment.

## Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : Owners will be notified by mail and instructed to take their vehicle to a Ford or Lincoln dealer to have the front passenger knee airbag replaced. There will be no charge for this service.

Ford provided the general reimbursement plan for the cost of remedies paid for by vehicle owners prior to notification of a safety recall in May 2021. The ending date for reimbursement eligibility is March 21, 2022.

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

**How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component :** The recalled front passenger knee airbags (KR3B-63060T10-BJW) will be replaced with front passenger knee airbags that meet weld strength specifications.

**Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production :** On August 24, 2021, Faurecia reset weld process parameters and conducted weld testing to confirm proper weld strength.

### **Recall Schedule :**

**Description of Recall Schedule :** Notification to dealers is expected to occur on February 17, 2022. Mailing of owner notification letters is expected to begin March 7, 2022 and is expected to be completed by March 11, 2022.

**Planned Dealer Notification Date :** FEB 17, 2022 - FEB 17, 2022

**Planned Owner Notification Date :** MAR 07, 2022 - MAR 11, 2022

\* NR - Not Reported