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TO: All U.S. Ford and Lincoln Dealers

SUBJECT: **NEW VEHICLE DEMONSTRATION / DELIVERY HOLD - Safety Recall 22S76**
 Certain 2021 - 2022 Model Year F59 and 2022 – 2023 Model Year E-Series Vehicles
 Inspect Fuel Tank Paint

REF: **Advance Notice - Safety Recall 22S76 - Supplement #1**
 Dated February 6, 2023

AFFECTED VEHICLES

Vehicle	Model Year	Assembly Plant	Build Dates
F59 CHASSIS	2021	DETROIT CHASSIS	November 1, 2021 through December 28, 2021
	2022		January 4, 2022 through March 16, 2022
E-Series	2022	OHIO	November 16, 2021 through February 10, 2022
	2023		January 19, 2022 through March 1, 2022

US population of affected vehicles: 11,047. Affected vehicles are identified in OASIS and FSA VIN Lists.

REASON FOR THIS SAFETY RECALL

In some of the affected vehicles, due to excessive sheet metal dry lube present during paint operation and/or inadequate paint drying time, the external paint on the fuel tank may not adhere properly, leading to paint peeling and possible long-term corrosion. If a leak occurs due to corrosion, a Diagnostic Trouble Code (DTC) code – one of P0456, P0442, P0455, P0457 - may be set. A Malfunction Indicator Lamp (MIL) may illuminate, or a fuel odor or liquid fuel may be observed. A fuel leak in the presence of an ignition source could potentially result in a fire.

SERVICE ACTION

Before demonstrating or delivering any new in-stock vehicles involved in this recall, dealers are to inspect the fuel tank for peeling paint and if found, replace the tank. 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 April 10, 2023. 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 \$26,315 per vehicle. Correct all vehicles in your new vehicle inventory before delivery.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment I: Administrative Information
Attachment II: Labor Allowances and Parts Ordering Information
Attachment III: Technical Information
Owner Notification Letters
Recall 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 System (PTS) website using the SSSC link listed at the bottom of the OASIS VIN report screen or listed under the SSSC tab.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stacy L. Balzer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'S'.

Stacy L. Balzer

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OASIS ACTIVATION

OASIS was activated on December 15, 2022.

FSA VIN LISTS ACTIVATION

FSA VIN Lists have been available through <https://web.fsavinlists.dealerconnection.com> since December 15, 2022. Owner names and addresses have been available since February 24, 2023.

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

- Ford has not issued instructions to stop selling/delivering or driving used vehicles under this safety recall. Owners should contact their dealers for an appointment to have their vehicles remedied as soon as practicable.
- 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.
- Use OASIS to identify any affected vehicles in your used vehicle inventory.

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.

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RENTAL VEHICLES

Rental vehicles are not approved for this program.

PICK-UP AND DELIVERY

All customers affected by this program have the option of complimentary Vehicle Pick-up & Delivery service (at participating dealers) in lieu of a rental vehicle. Refer to EFC12071, 2023 Remote Experience Program, Pickup & Delivery (PDL) Offset section for additional details.

OWNER REFUNDS

- **This safety recall must still be performed, even if the owner has paid for a previous repair. Claiming a refund will not close the recall on the vehicle.**
- Ford Motor Company is offering a refund for owner-paid repairs covered by this recall if the repair was performed before 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 emergency 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 fuel tank inspection and replacement.

REPAIR PHOTO SUBMISSION

Ford has requested photo evidence of initial fuel tank inspection for this FSA. For claim reimbursement please submit photos that clearly show the vehicle VIN, and fuel tank peeling paint.

- Photos can be attached using the Mobile PTS “Report a Vehicle Concern”. You can access Mobile PTS using your mobile device at:
<https://m.fordtechservice.dealerconnection.com/>.
Note: If you have never used the Web-Based report a vehicle concern- you will need to create your User Profile before accessing “Report a Vehicle Concern” on Mobile PTS. Instructions on how to create a user profile and submit photos can be found in EFC08860.
Note: Ensure that your “User Profile” is added/updated to include your STARS ID. This can be done by accessing your User Profile directly at:
<https://www.gcr.dealerconnection.com/asp/DealerProfile.asp>.
- After completing the report entry form you can upload a maximum of 5 attachments at once.
 - If submitting more than one attachment (photo), the files must be saved to the mobile device you’re using, before submitting the report.
 - If submitting one attachment (photo), you can capture the photo during the report submission when asked to add the attachment.

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ADDITIONAL REPAIR (LABOR TIME AND/OR PARTS)

Additional repairs identified as necessary to complete the FSA should be managed as follows:

- For related damage and access time requirements, refer to the Warranty and Policy Manual / Section 6 – Ford & Lincoln Program Policies / General Information & Special Circumstances for FSAs / Related Damage.
- For vehicles within new vehicle bumper-to-bumper warranty coverage, no SSSC approval is required, although related damage must be on a separate repair line with the “Related Damage” radio button checked.
 - Ford vehicles – 3 years or 36,000 miles
- For vehicles outside new vehicle bumper-to-bumper warranty coverage, submit an Approval Request to the SSSC Web Contact Site before completing the repair.

CLAIMS PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION

- **Claim Entry:** Enter claims using Dealer Management System (DMS) or One Warranty Solution (OWS) online.
 - When entering claims, select claim type 31: Field Service Action. The FSA number 22S76 is the subcode.
 - For additional claims preparation and submission information, refer to the Recall and Customer Satisfaction Program (CSP) Repairs in the OWS User Guide.
- **Related Damage/Additional labor and/or parts:** Must be claimed as Related Damage on a separate repair line from the FSA with the same claim type and subcode as described in Claim Entry above.

IMPORTANT: Click the Related Damage Indicator radio button.
- **Refunds:** Submit refunds on a separate repair line.
 - Program Code: 22S76 - 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.
- **Pickup & Delivery:** Refer to EFC12071, 2023 Remote Experience Program, Pickup & Delivery (PDL) Offset section for additional details.

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LABOR ALLOWANCES

Description	Labor Operation	Labor Time
Inspect fuel tank paint	22S76A	0.3 hours
Replace fuel tank as required	22S76B	1.9 hours
Photo submission	22S76ZZ	0.2 hours

PARTS REQUIREMENTS / ORDERING INFORMATION**Inspection-Only Parts Requirements**

Parts are not required if no peeling paint is found

Special Program Part Ordering

To place an order for the fuel tank, submit a Special Program order in the DOW system. **SSSC contact is not required to order K-Coded parts on this program.** More information can be found in EFC 10642.

Part Number	Description	Order Quantity	Claim Quantity
9C2Z-9002-C	Fuel Tank (E-Series 40 gal)	As required	
9C2Z-9002-E	Fuel Tank (E-Series 55 gal)	As required	
CC3Z-9002-D	Fuel Tank (F-59)	As required	

Dealers will be notified via a DOES II communication if circumstances warrant a change in part supply strategy and when open ordering resumes.

Order the parts below through normal order processing channels:

Part Number	Description	Order Quantity	Claim Quantity
4L3Z-9276-AA	O-ring gasket	1	1

To guarantee the shortest delivery time, an emergency order for parts must be placed.

DEALER PRICE

For the latest prices, refer to DOES II.

PARTS RETENTION, RETURN, & SCRAPPING

Follow the provisions of the Warranty and Policy Manual, Section 1 - WARRANTY PARTS RETENTION AND RETURN POLICIES. If a replaced part receives a scrap disposition, the part must be scrapped by all applicable local, state, and federal environmental protection and hazardous material regulations. Federal law prohibits selling motor vehicle parts or components that are under safety, compliance, or emissions recall.

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EXCESS STOCK RETURN

The excess stock returned for credit must have been purchased from Ford Customer Service Division by Policy Procedure Bulletin 4000.

REPLACED FSA PARTS INSPECTION AND SIGN OFF

Effective March 1st, 2021, all parts replaced as part of an FSA repair with a repair order open date of March 1st, 2021, or later must be inspected and signed off on the repair order by a member of your dealer fixed operations management team or an employee of the task has been delegated to. If the task is to be delegated to a non-management employee, the employee needs to be someone other than the technician who completed the repair and needs to understand the importance of completing this task consistently and accurately.

- All parts replaced as part of an FSA repair should be returned to the parts department following the Warranty Parts Retention and Return Policies.
- Inspect the replaced parts to verify the FSA repair was completed.
- If the FSA repair is found to be complete, the designated employee signs the repair order line or parts return stamp area (electronic or hand signed) for the FSA repair indicating the parts were inspected and validated to have been replaced.
- After the parts have been inspected, they should be handled based on the guidance in the parts status report in the Online Warranty System (Hold, Return, CORE, Scrap, etc.).
- This process is subject to review during warranty audits for FSA repairs with a repair order open date of March 1st, 2021, or later. Any eligible FSA claims requiring parts replacement found not to have been inspected and signed off during a warranty audit will be subject to chargeback and consideration for enrollment into the Dealer Incomplete Recall Repair Process.

Note: Other approvals (electronic or handwritten) for add-on repair lines, dealer-owned vehicle repairs, and repeat repairs do not qualify as FSA parts inspection approvals. The post-repair FSA parts inspection process (electronic or handwritten) is independent of other warranty approval requirements. The approval by the designated employee implies that the FSA parts were found to be replaced and must be able to be identified on the Repair Order. If multiple FSAs require approval on a single Repair Order, each applicable occurrence will require individual post-repair approval by the designated employee.

CERTAIN 2021-2022 MODEL YEAR F-59 AND 2022-2023 MODEL YEAR E-SERIES VEHICLES — INSPECT FUEL TANK PAINT

SERVICE PROCEDURE

1. Position the vehicle on a hoist. Follow the Workshop Manual (WSM) Procedures in Section 100-02.
2. Locate the perimeter of the fuel tank sides from approximately two inches above the weld flange down to and including the weld flange as well as the braze areas extending approximately one inch around each of the fuel filler neck tube and vent tube on the side of the tank. See the yellow highlighted areas in Figures 1 and 2.

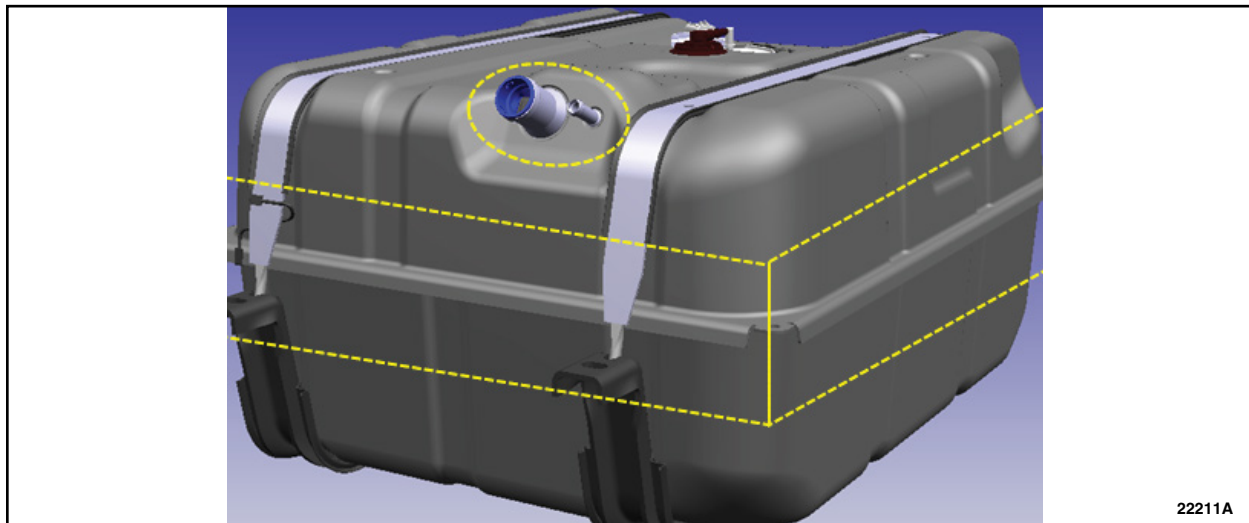


FIGURE 1

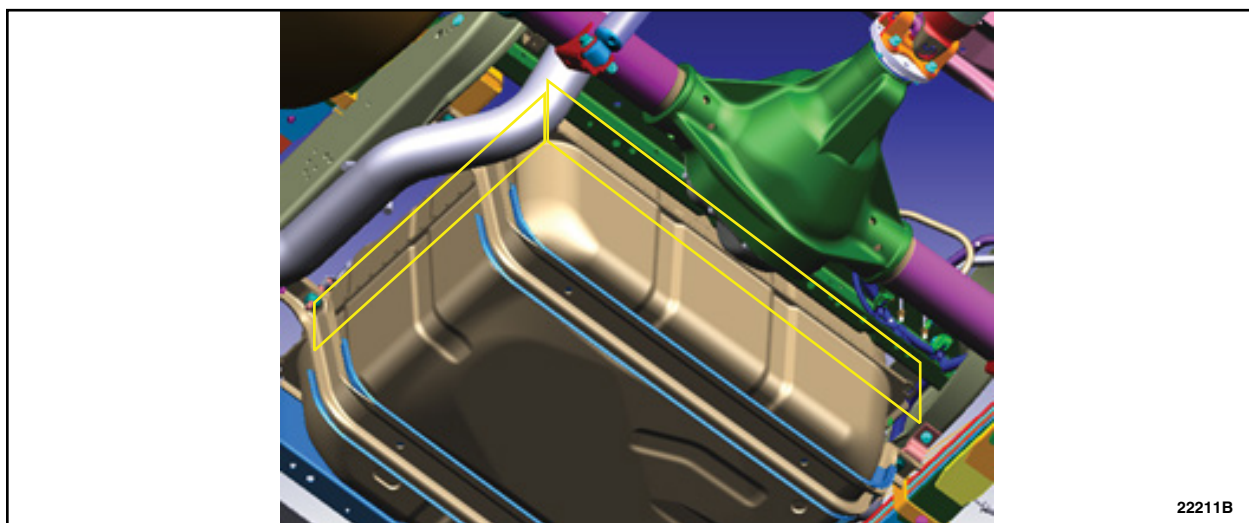


FIGURE 2



3. Inspect the areas shown in Figures 1 and 2 for signs of extended bubbling, extensive cracking, flaking, and/or peeling. Are there signs of extended bubbling, extensive cracking, flaking, and/or peeling on or near the weld seam, fuel filler neck tube and vent tube, or sides of the fuel tank? See Figures 3 and 4.

No – Passes inspection. This recall is complete.

Yes – Does not pass inspection. Capture a clear photo of the suspect areas and submit the photo to Special Service Support Center (SSSC). Once approval has been given, replace the fuel tank. Follow the WSM Procedures in Section 310-01.

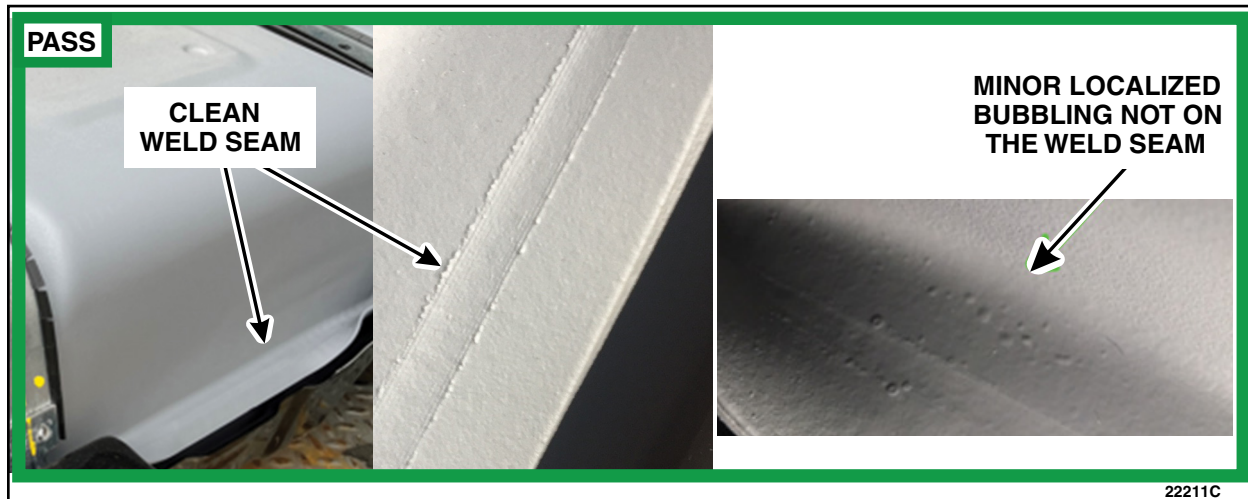


FIGURE 3

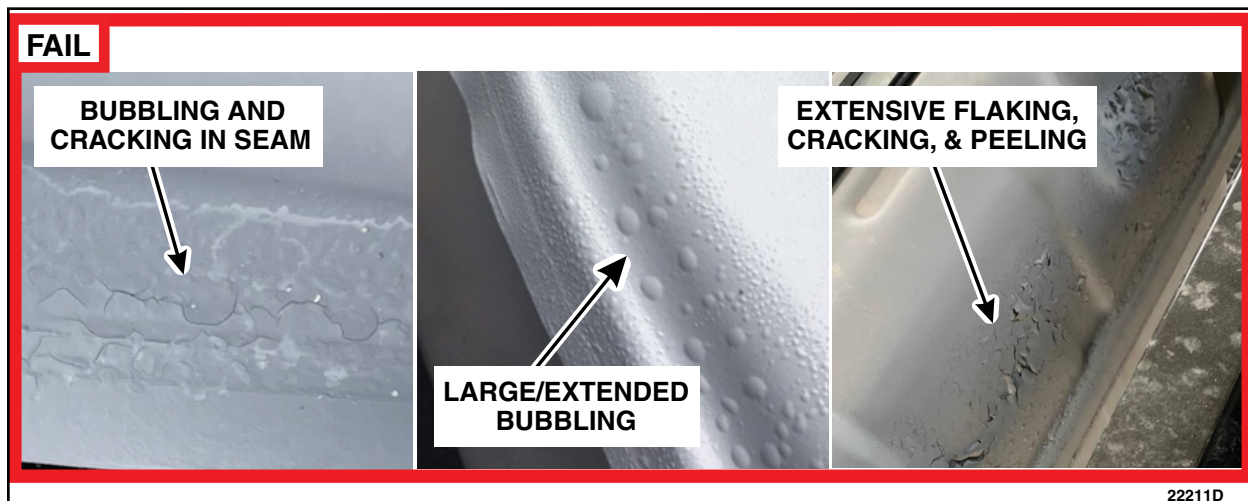


FIGURE 4



Ford Motor Company
Recall Reimbursement Plan for 22S76

Ford and Lincoln dealers are in the best position to quickly and efficiently process reimbursement requests. However, federal legislation requires all motor vehicle manufacturers to establish processes through which customers may seek recall reimbursement directly from the manufacturer or the dealers.

Regarding the specific reimbursement plan for Recall # 22S76, owners who have paid for service to remedy the defect or noncompliance must have had that service performed before April 28, 2023. After this date, if repairs related to this recall are performed by a non-Ford repair facility in an emergency, customers must submit any refund requests through their dealership. As required by this federal regulation, Ford Motor Company submitted the details of its latest General Recall Reimbursement Plan in a letter to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) in May 2021. The following is the text of that letter and the Plan:

General Recall Reimbursement Plan
(As submitted to the NHTSA)

Under the requirements outlined in 49 CFR Part 573 and Part 577 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Ford Motor Company (Ford) is submitting the required information about our general reimbursement plan for the cost of remedies paid for by vehicle owners before they are notified of a related safety recall.

Set forth below is Ford's general plan to reimburse owners and purchasers for costs incurred for remedies in advance of notification of potential safety-related defects or noncompliance according to Part 573.6 (c)(8)(i). This plan has not changed since our February 20, 2019 submission.

Reimbursement Notification

Ford's notice to a vehicle owner in accordance with 49 CFR Part 577 will indicate that Ford is offering a refund if the owner paid to have service to remedy the defect or noncompliance before a specified ending date. In accordance with Part 573.13 (c)(2), this ending date will be defined as a minimum of ten calendar days after the date on which Ford mailed the last of its Part 577 notifications to owners, and will be indicated in the specific reimbursement plan available to owners for an individual recall. This notice will direct owners to seek eligible reimbursement through authorized dealers or, at their option, directly through Ford at the following address:

Ford Motor Company
P.O. Box 6251
Dearborn, MI 48121-6251

Ford notes that this rule allows for the identification of a beginning date for reimbursement eligibility. Under the rule, an owner who paid to remedy the defect or noncompliance before the identified beginning date would not be eligible for reimbursement. Ford generally has not established such a beginning date for reimbursement eligibility and does not presently anticipate changing this general policy. However, in any case, where Ford determines a beginning date is appropriate, Ford will indicate that date in the owner's notice. As permitted by 577.11(e), Ford may not include a reimbursement notification when all vehicles are well within the warranty period, subject to approval by the agency.

Costs to be Reimbursed

For vehicles, reimbursement will not be less than the lesser of:

- The amount paid by the owner for the remedy that specifically addressed and was reasonably necessary to correct the defect or noncompliance that is the subject of the recall, or
- The cost of parts for the remedy (to be no more than the manufacturer's list retail price for authorized part(s), plus associated labor at local labor rates, miscellaneous fees (such as disposal of waste), and taxes.

For replacement equipment, reimbursement will be the amount paid by the owner for the replacement item (limited by the amount of the retail list price of the defective or noncompliant item that was replaced, plus taxes, where the brand or model purchased by the owner was different from the brand or model that was the subject of the recall). If the item of motor vehicle equipment was repaired, the reimbursement provisions identified above for vehicles will apply.

Ford notes that costs incurred by the owner within the period during which Ford's original or extended warranty would have provided for a free repair of the problem will not be eligible for reimbursement, as provided by Part 573.13 (d)(1).

Entities Authorized to Provide Reimbursement

Ford will continue to use authorized dealers to reimburse owners under the specific reimbursement plans for a particular recall and will encourage owners to pursue requests for reimbursement directly through dealers to expedite reimbursement. Ford will also provide a mailing address to which customers can, at their option, send requests for reimbursement directly to Ford, as previously noted. Requests for reimbursement sent directly to Ford may take up to 60 days to process. Whether the owner chooses to pursue reimbursement requests through a dealer or directly through Ford, the owner will be directed to submit the required documentation, upon which reimbursement eligibility will be determined.

Required Documentation

The reimbursement determination will depend upon the information provided by the customer. Consistent with Part 573.13 (d)(4) the following information must be submitted:

- Claimant's name and address.
- Vehicle make, model, and model year.
- Vehicle identification number (VIN) and, for replacement equipment, a description of such equipment or, for tires, the model, size, and TIN (DOT code).
- Identification of the recall number (either the Ford recall number or the NHTSA recall number).
- Identification of the owner of the recalled vehicle at the time that the pre-notification remedy was obtained.
- An original receipt for the pre-notification remedy that includes a breakdown of the amount for parts, labor, other costs, and taxes, including costs for the replacement item. Where the receipt covers work other than to address the recall or noncompliance, Ford may require the claimant to separately identify costs that are eligible for reimbursement.
- If the remedy was obtained during the warranty period, documentation indicating that the warranty was not honored or the warranty repair did not correct the problem related to the recall.

Failure to submit all of the above information may result in the denial of the reimbursement request.

Additional Information

The Part 577 required owner notice will provide a toll-free telephone number through which specific information about the reimbursement plan can be requested from Ford. This general reimbursement plan will be incorporated into notifications according to Part 573.6 by reference. Information specific to an individual recall also may be incorporated into the Part 573.6 notification.