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TO: All U.S. Ford and Lincoln Dealers

SUBJECT: NEW VEHICLE DEMONSTRATION/DELIVERY HOLD - Safety Recall 22S77
Certain 2021-2022 Model Year Bronco Vehicles
Side Impact Sensor Retaining Stud and Nut Inspection

AFFECTED VEHICLES

Vehicle	Model Year	Assembly Plant	Build Dates
Bronco	2021	Michigan Assembly	February 19, 2021 through September 16, 2021
Bronco	2022	Michigan Assembly	September 1, 2021 through September 3, 2021

Affected vehicles are identified in OASIS and FSA VIN Lists.

REASON FOR THIS SAFETY RECALL

In some of the affected vehicles, the side impact sensors may not have been properly installed. A side impact sensor that is not installed properly may not detect certain side impact events. The incorrect side impact sensor readings could cause the affected air bags to unintentionally deploy or to not deploy when intended, increasing the risk of injury in a crash.

SERVICE ACTION

Dealers are to inspect for a missing B-pillar crash sensor mounting stud, missing retainer nut and/or loose mounting stud. If nut is missing a nut must be installed. If the stud is missing or loose, the dealer will follow the repair procedure to weld a new stud in place and apply a corrosion resistant coating. The dealers will be instructed to contact the Special Service Support Center (SSSC) to obtain a stud until service parts are available through the depots. 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 January 23, 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 \$21,000 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,



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OASIS ACTIVATION

OASIS will be activated on December 15, 2022.

FSA VIN LISTS ACTIVATION

FSA VIN Lists will be available through <https://web.fsavinlists.dealerconnection.com> on December 15, 2022. Owner names and addresses will be available by February 10, 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 dealer 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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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 prior to 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 Side Impact Sensor Retaining Stud and Nut Inspection..

RENTAL VEHICLES

Rental vehicles are not approved for this program.

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 FSA's / 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 prior to 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 22S77 is the sub code.
 - 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 same claim type and sub code as described in Claim Entry above.

IMPORTANT: Click the Related Damage Indicator radio button.

- **Refunds:** Submit refunds on a separate repair line.
 - Program Code: 22S77 - 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.

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LABOR ALLOWANCES

Description	Labor Operation	Labor Time
Inspection Pass – R&I both lower b-pillar trim panels and inspect for missing stud and nut	22S77A	0.3 Hours
Inspection – R&I both lower b-pillar trim panels and inspect for missing stud and nut – Inspect + Install one or both side nuts	22S77B	0.4 Hours
Inspection Fail – One Side – Inspect + Weld in a new Stud	22S77C	1.1 Hours
Inspection Fail – Both Sides – Inspect + Weld in a new Stud	22S77D	1.7 Hours

PARTS REQUIREMENTS / ORDERING INFORMATION**Special Program Part Ordering:**

To place an order for Side Impact Sensor Retaining Stud submit a VIN-specific Part Order contact via the SSSC Web Contact Site.

Part Number	Description	Order Quantity	Claim Quantity
W703951-S300	Side Impact Sensor Retaining Stud	Only after failed inspection	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
W520101-S437	Side Impact Sensor Nut	Only after failed inspection	As required

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

DEALER PRICE

For latest prices, refer to DOES II.

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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 in accordance with 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.

EXCESS STOCK RETURN

Excess stock returned for credit must have been purchased from Ford Customer Service Division in accordance with 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 dealers fixed operations management team or an employee 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 from 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 clearly identified on the Repair Order. If multiple FSA's 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 BRONCO VEHICLES — SIDE IMPACT SENSOR RETAINING STUD AND NUT INSPECTION

SERVICE PROCEDURE

Side Impact Sensor Retaining Stud and Nut Inspection

1. On both sides, remove the lower B-pillar trim panel to gain access to the side impact sensor.
Please follow Workshop Manual (WSM) Procedures in Section 501-05. See Figure 1.

NOTE: The upper B-pillar trim panels do NOT need to be removed for this FSA.

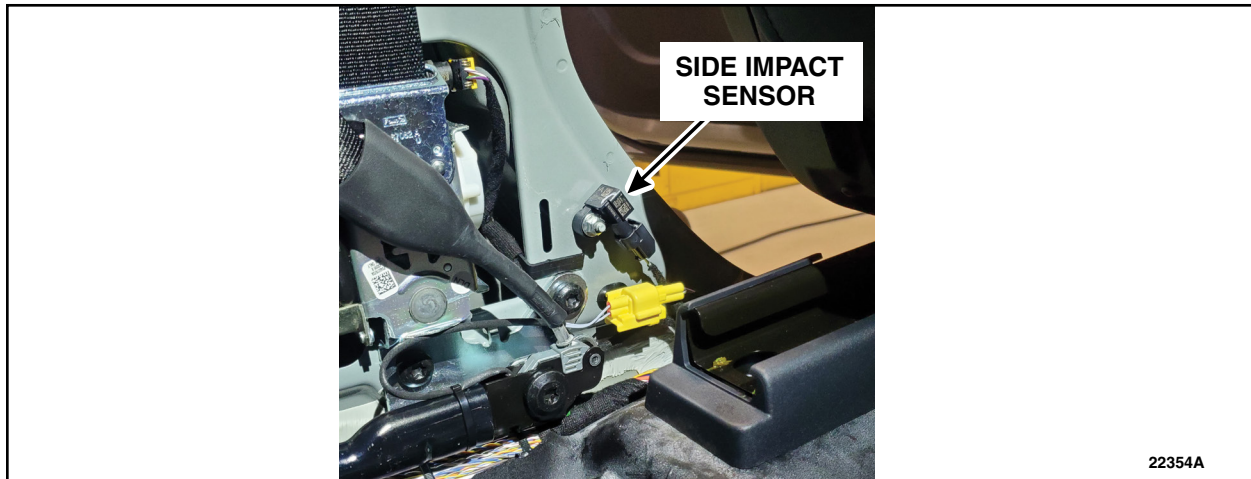


FIGURE 1

2. Inspect for the presence of the side impact sensor retaining stud and nut on both sides.
See Figures 2 and 3. Is the side impact sensor retaining stud and/or nut missing on either side?

No - Passes inspection. Reinstall the lower B-pillar trim panels per WSM Section 501-05.
This recall is complete.

Yes - Does not pass inspection.

- Nut ONLY Missing – Order a retaining nut through the normal part ordering process, refer to the dealer bulletin. Proceed to step 3.
- Nut AND Stud Missing – Order a new side impact sensor stud and retaining nut through the normal part ordering process, refer to the dealer bulletin. Proceed to step 5.



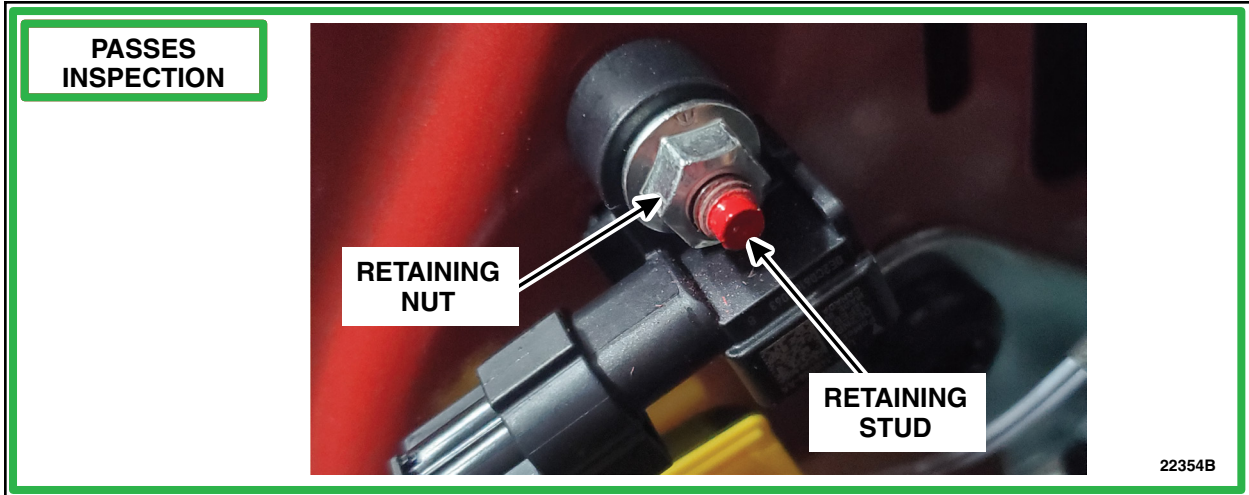


FIGURE 2

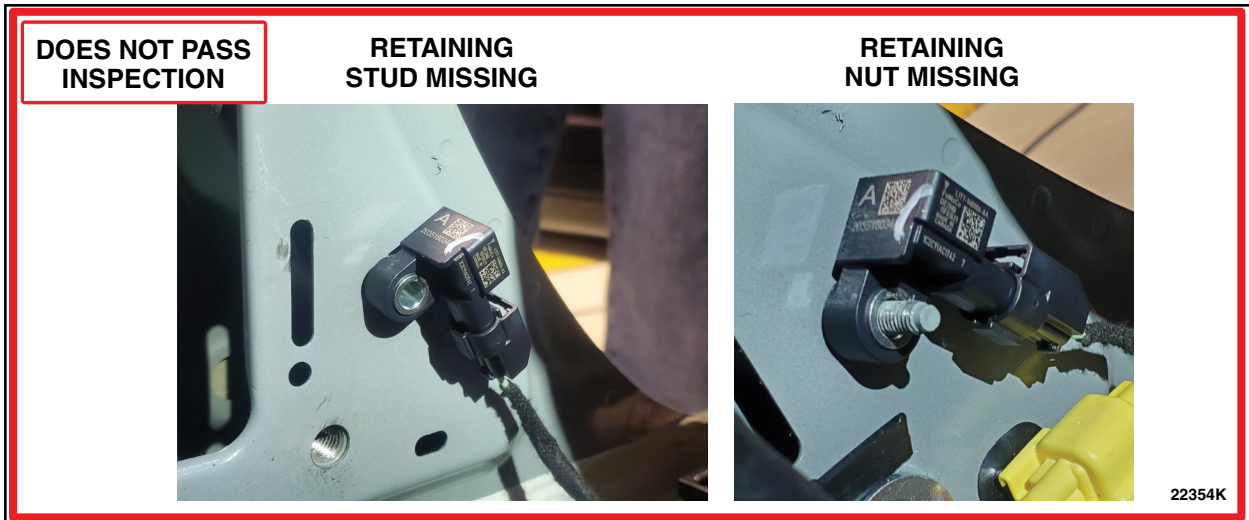


FIGURE 3



3. Install the *new* retaining nut. See Figure 4.
 - Torque: 93 lb.in (10.5 Nm)

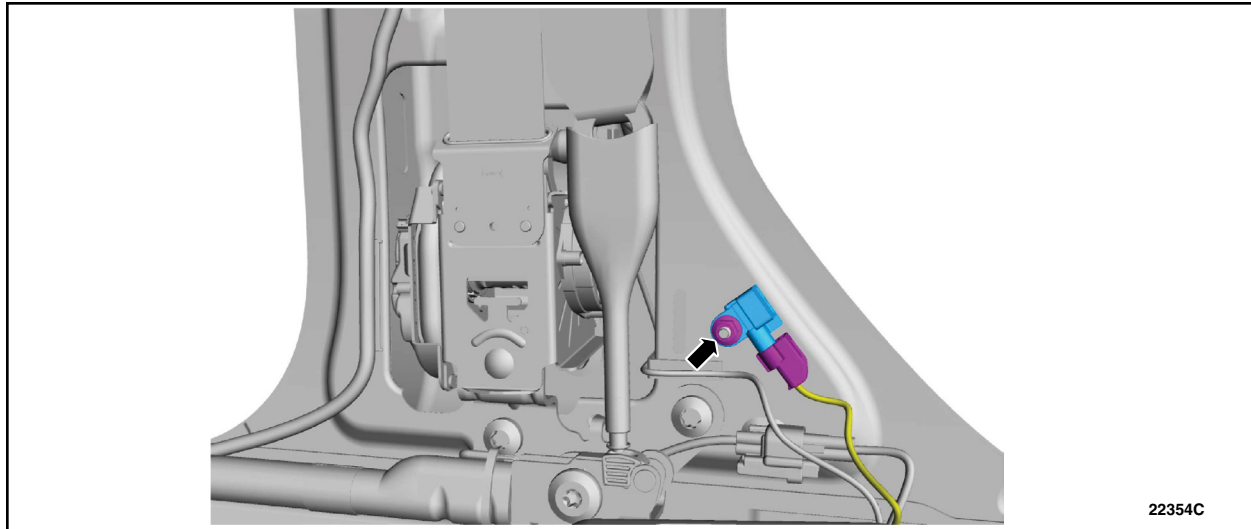


FIGURE 4

4. Reinstall the lower B-pillar trim panels per WSM Section 501-05.

Side Impact Sensor Retaining Stud and Nut Installation

NOTE: Perform this procedure **ONLY** on the side(s) where the retaining stud is missing.

5. Remove the front seat. Please follow Workshop Manual (WSM) Procedures in Section 501-10A.
6. Remove the front seatbelt retractor and pretensioner. Please follow WSM Procedures in Section 501-20A.
7. **⚠ WARNING: Before beginning any further service repair, refer to welding precautions in Section 501-25 General Procedures. Failure to follow this instruction may result in serious personal injury.**
8. Use a welding blanket to cover and protect the repair area.
9. Using an angle sander with a 36-grit disc, remove the paint from the area the new stud is to be installed at.



10. Using a die grinder, cut off the head of the new retaining stud. See Figure 5.

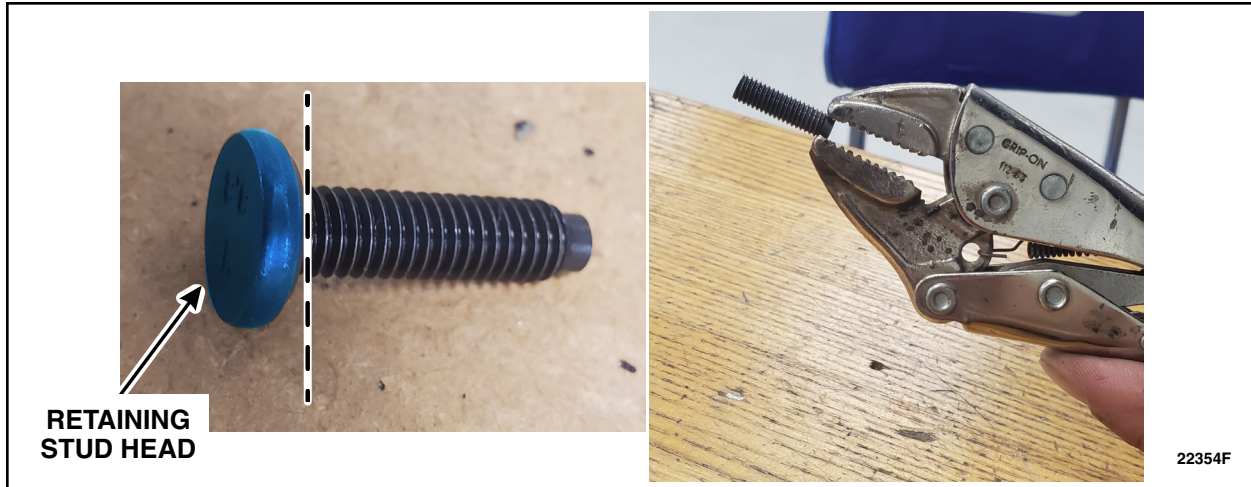


FIGURE 5

11. Place the welder's ground clamp on the rear door striker. See Figure 6.

NOTE: Make sure there is a solid mechanical connection that will not slip or fall off.



FIGURE 6



- Using a pair of pliers, position the *new* retaining stud in place and tack weld it to the inner B-pillar.
See Figure 7.



FIGURE 7

- Allow surface to cool down to ambient temperature.
- Position the side impact sensor onto the stud to ensure that the alignment pin and sensor fit correctly.
See Figure 8.

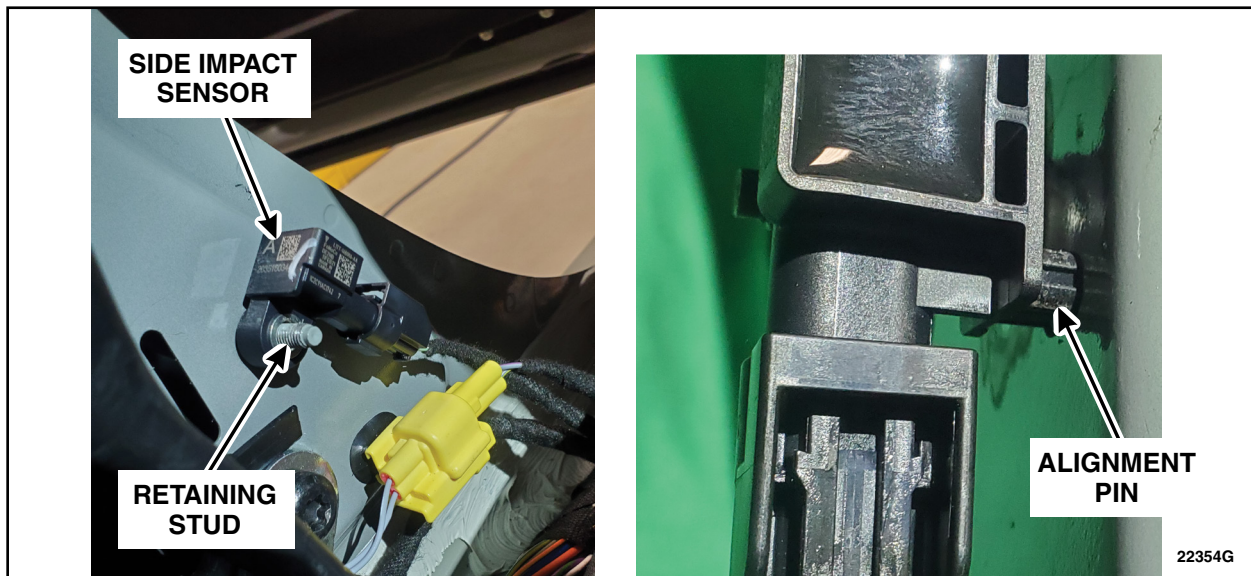


FIGURE 8



15. Solid weld the new stud to the inner B-pillar.
16. Allow surface to cool down to ambient temperature prior to applying any corrosion repair.
17. After all weld repair is complete, use a wire brush to clean the affected area of all surface contamination.
18. Apply one layer of corrosion protection to the repaired surface area.

NOTE: Please refer to the WSM Corrosion Prevention in Section 501-25.

19. Remove the welding blanket and the ground clamp from the vehicle.
20. Reposition the side impact sensor onto the newly installed retaining stud. See Figure 9.

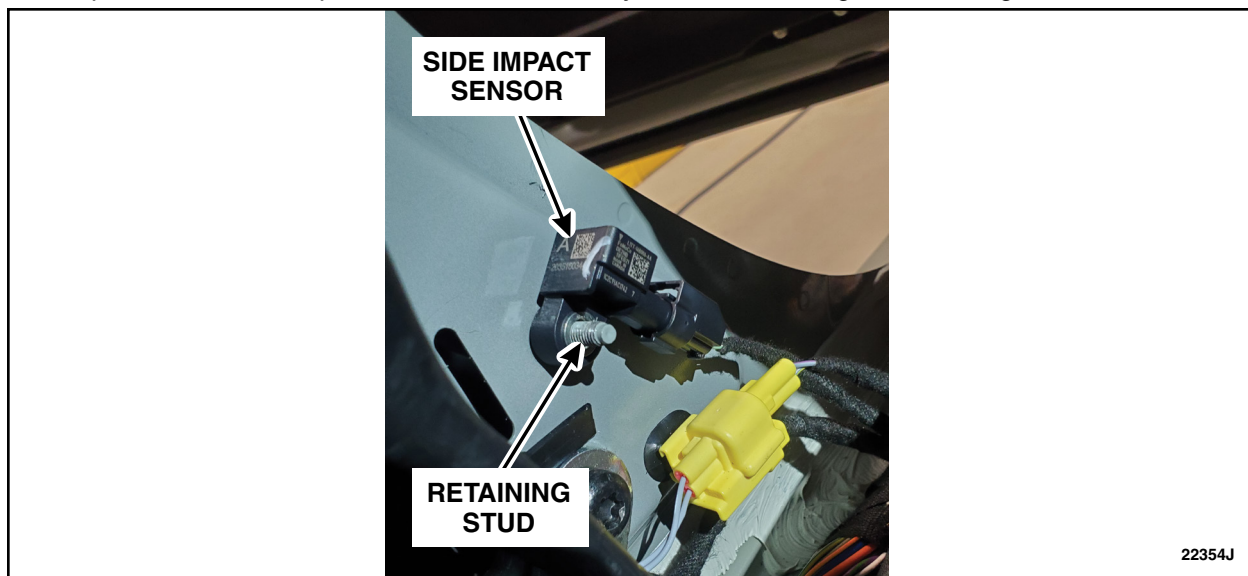


FIGURE 9



21. Install the *new* retaining nut. See Figure 10.
• Torque: 93 lb.in (10.5 Nm)

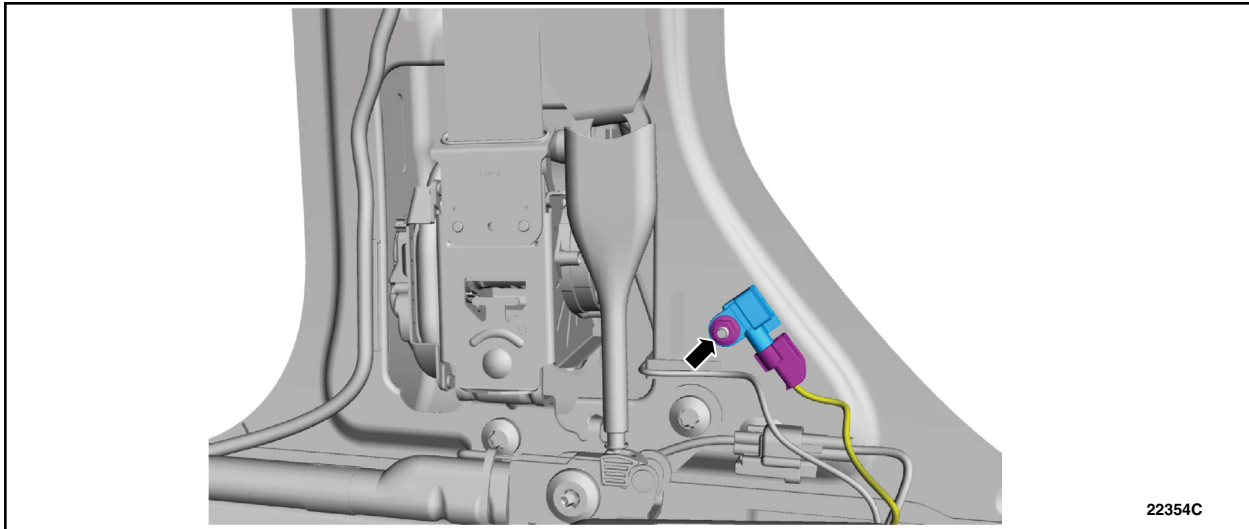


FIGURE 10

22. Lightly pull/wiggle the side impact sensor electrical connector to confirm it is properly secured.
23. Reinstall the lower B-pillar trim panels per WSM Section 501-05.
24. Reinstall the front seatbelt retractor and pretensioner per WSM Section 501-20A.
25. Reinstall the front seat per WSM Section 501-10A.
26. Use the dealer scan tool to check and clear DTC's.



**Ford Motor Company
Recall Reimbursement Plan for 22S77**

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 from the dealers.

Regarding the specific reimbursement plan for Recall # 22S77, owners who have paid for service to remedy the defect or noncompliance must have had that service performed prior to February 10, 2023. After this date, if repairs related to this recall are performed by a non-Ford repair facility in an emergency situation, 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)

Pursuant to the requirements set forth in 49 CFR Part 573 and Part 577 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Ford Motor Company (Ford) is submitting required information pertaining to 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 noncompliances pursuant 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 prior to 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 prior to 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 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 than 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 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 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 pursuant to Part 573.6 by reference. Information specific to an individual recall also may be incorporated into the Part 573.6 notification.