

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

# 23V-072

**Manufacturer Name :** Ford Motor Company**Submission Date :** MAR 02, 2023**NHTSA Recall No. :** 23V-072**Manufacturer Recall No. :** 23C01**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 : 321

Estimated percentage with defect : 100 %

**Vehicle Information :**

Vehicle 1 : 2023-2023 FORD F-150

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

**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 passenger Instrument Panel (IP) topper production to the vehicle in which the passenger IP topper is installed.

Affected vehicles are equipped with suspect passenger IP toppers.

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 : NOV 29, 2022 - JAN 04, 2023

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

 Not sequential**Description of Noncompliance :**

**Description of the Noncompliance :** Non-conforming instrument panel topper components may alter the intended passenger airbag cushion opening and inflation characteristics.

FMVSS 1 : 208 - Occupant crash protection

FMVSS 2 : NR

**Description of the Safety Risk :** In the event of a crash necessitating deployment of the passenger airbag, the airbag may not deploy as intended, increasing the risk of injury.

**Description of the Cause :** Non-conforming instrument panel toppers were built with either an injection molded substrate that was manufactured with contaminated resin or with a skin cover extruded with contaminated colorant material.

Identification of Any Warning None  
that can Occur :

## Involved Components :

Component Name 1 : Top Cover

Component Description : RH IP Topper Black Onyx Carmelo

Component Part Number : ML3B-15042N54-EK319W

Component Name 2 : Top Cover

Component Description : RH IP Topper Black Onyx Ash

Component Part Number : ML3B-15042N54-EK33N5

Component Name 3 : Top Cover

Component Description : RH IP Topper Admiral Blue Leather

Component Part Number : ML3B-15042N54-GJ31D7

## Supplier Identification :

### Component Manufacturer

Name : Faurecia Interior Systems (Forvia)

Address : 2800 High Meadow Circle  
Auburn Hills Michigan 48326

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 right hand instrument panel topper 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 estimated to be April 21, 2023. Ford will forward a copy of the notification letters to dealers to the agency when available.

**How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component :** A new Black Onyx Carmelo Leather (ML3B-15042N54-EK319W), Black Onyx Ash Leather (ML3B-15042N54-EK33N5) or Admiral Blue Leather (ML3B-15042N54-GJ31D7) passenger-side instrument panel topper from a conforming material lot will be installed to replace the recalled component.

**Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production :** Not required per 49 Part 573.

**Recall Schedule :**

**Description of Recall Schedule :** Notification to dealers is expected to occur on February 15, 2023. Mailing of owner notification letters is expected to begin March 20, 2023 and is expected to be completed by March 24, 2023.

**Planned Dealer Notification Date :** FEB 15, 2023 - FEB 15, 2023

**Planned Owner Notification Date :** MAR 20, 2023 - MAR 24, 2023

\* NR - Not Reported