



**GLOBAL RECALL PROCESS  
REPORT OF FIELD ACTION**

**MANUFACTURER**

Ford Motor Company

**TYPE OF ACTION**

Customer Satisfaction

**FIELD ACTION NUMBER**

1U407

**SUBJECT**

Fiesta / Fusion Rear Axle Bolts

**MAKE, MODEL AND MODEL YEAR AFFECTED**

	<b>Model Year</b>	
<b>Model</b>	<b>Begin</b>	<b>End</b>
Ford Car / Fiesta	2012	2012
Ford Car / Fusion	2012	2012

**ASSEMBLY PLANTS / DATES OF PRODUCTION**

<b>Assembly Plants</b>	<b>OASIS Active</b>	<b>Production Dates</b>		<b>VIN</b>	
		<b>Begin</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Begin</b>	<b>End</b>
Germany - Cologne Body and Assembly	OASIS	13-SEP-11	23-SEP-11		

**OTHER LIMITING FACTORS**

This is a localized issue involving a supplier in Europe. The vehicles manufactured in Europe are not exported to the U.S. market, nor is the same supplier used for U.S. vehicles. Vehicles in the U.S. are unaffected.

"Substantially Similar" vehicles sold in the U.S. are:

2012 Ford Fiesta

A characterization of the vehicle as "Substantially Similar" is made exclusively for purposes of complying with 49 CFR Part 579 and does not imply that the vehicles are "Substantially Similar" in any other context or for any other purpose, regulatory or otherwise. Also, characterization of a vehicle as "Substantially Similar" in this context specifically does not imply that the vehicle is available for import or sale in the United States.

## **VEHICLES AFFECTED: 2700**

### **Market**

Spain

Sweden

Switzerland

Turkey

United Kingdom

Austria

Belgium

Czech Republic

Denmark

Finland

France

Germany

Hungary

Ireland

Italy

Netherlands

Norway

Other

Poland

Portugal

Romania

Russia

## **ESTIMATED PERCENTAGE OF THE AFFECTED VEHICLES THAT CONTAIN THE SUBJECT CONDITION**

100%

## **REASON FOR THIS FIELD ACTION**

A number of Fiesta and European Fusion vehicles may have been produced with Grade 8.8 rear axle bolts instead of the specified Grade 10.9 bolts. Increased suspension noise is expected if the joint integrity is compromised. Over time there is the potential that the head of the bolt may shear resulting in reduced retention of the rear axle.

## **NUMBER OF REPORTS OF THE CONDITION**

0 reports

0 injuries

0 fatalities

## **DESCRIPTION OF THE REMEDY**

Affected vehicles will be inspected and the rear axle bolts be replaced.

The decision to launch this FSA was taken by Ford Motor Company.

This FSA will be launched on October 11, 2011.