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TO: All U.S. Ford and Lincoln Dealers

SUBJECT: DELIVERY HOLD Advance Notice – Safety Recall 13S07
Certain 2013 Model Year Explorer, Taurus, and MKS Vehicles
Rear Door Child Safety Lock Test and Replacement

AFFECTED VEHICLES

Certain 2013 model year Explorer, Taurus, and MKS vehicles built at the Chicago Assembly Plant from November 29, 2012 through December 12, 2012. Affected vehicles are identified in OASIS. In addition, for a list of vehicles assigned to your dealership, visit <https://web.fsavinlists.dealerconnection.com>. This information will be available on June 26, 2013.

REASON FOR THIS SAFETY RECALL

In some of the affected vehicles, the rear door latches may contain an improperly formed component that results in a low child safety lock detent torque. With sufficient door openings/closings, this condition may allow the child safety lock to change from activated to deactivated without input from the operator. If the rear door is unlocked, a deactivated child safety lock would not prevent the door from opening when the interior door handle is activated. This condition could potentially increase the risk of injury to an unrestrained child.

Ford Motor Company has notified the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of this Safety Recall, and has advised NHTSA that the special tool required to test the child safety locks is not currently available. There is a possibility that you may be contacted by customers about this recall. If a customer needs to use the child safety lock feature before Safety Recall 13S07 can be completed, instruct them to set the child safety locks before each drive (reference Owner Manual for details). This will ensure that the child safety lock function is activated.

SERVICE ACTION

DO NOT DELIVER any of the affected vehicles involved in this safety recall. A complete Dealer Bulletin will be provided to dealers mid-July 2013 when it is anticipated that the special tool required to test the child safety locks will be available to support this safety recall.

CUSTOMER NOTIFICATION

Owners of record will be notified via first-class mail after repair instructions and parts ordering information have been provided to dealers.

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 \$7,000 per vehicle. Correct all vehicles in your new vehicle inventory prior to delivery.

QUESTIONS?

Special Service Support Center (Dealer Assistance Only)1-800-325-5621

Sincerely,



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