

Part 573 Safety Recall Report**15V-618****Manufacturer Name :** Ford Motor Company**Submission Date :** SEP 30,2015**NHTSA Recall No. :** 15V-618**Manufacturer Recall No. :** 15C11**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 : 658

Estimated percentage with defect : 0

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle : 2016-2016 Ford Fusion

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : ALL

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : Affected vehicles are built September 3, 2015 - September 13, 2015 at Ford's Hermosillo Assembly plant.

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 : SEP 03, 2015 - SEP 13, 2015

VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range

Begin : NR

End : NR

 Not sequential VINs

Vehicle : 2016-2016 Lincoln MKZ

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : ALL

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : Affected vehicles are built September 3, 2015 - September 13, 2015 at Ford's Hermosillo Assembly plant.

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Production Dates : SEP 03, 2015 - SEP 12, 2015

VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range

Begin : NR

End : NR

 Not sequential VINs**Description of Noncompliance :**

Description of the Noncompliance : Some of the affected vehicles may not conform to the requirements of the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 301 – Fuel System Integrity with fuel tanks that may not have been manufactured properly. Ford is not aware of any reports of accident or injury related to this condition.

FMVSS 1 : 301 - Fuel system integrity

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : Improperly manufactured fuel tanks have thin walls that may crack in a crash resulting in a fuel leak and may not comply with the requirements of FMVSS 301. A fuel leak in the presence of an ignition source can lead to a fire.

Description of the Cause : NR

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : A fuel odor or fuel leak.

Supplier Identification :**Component Manufacturer**

Name : Kautex

Address : KM 117 AUTOPISTA MEXICO PUEBLA
PUEBLA PU FOREIGN STATES 72710

Country : Mexico

Chronology :

September 2015: During normal end-of-line fuel system vacuum testing at Ford's Hermosillo Assembly Plant, the fuel tanks on three vehicles were found to have vacuum leaks. The location of the leaks was identified to be a crack in the fuel tank wall where a wire harness retention clip is hot plate welded to the top of the tank by the fuel tank supplier. This topic was introduced to Ford's Critical Concerns Review Group (CCRG) for review. Ford and the tank supplier reviewed the tank manufacturing process and identified an equipment and operator issue for the period of August 21, 2015 – September 10, 2015 that contributed to a thinning of the tank wall in the area of the retention clip. Based on an assessment of these process findings, it was believed that additional fuel tanks with a thinner than intended wall, in the area of the retention clip, may have been installed on vehicles that had not yet developed a vacuum leak.

On September 25, 2015, Ford's Field Review Committee reviewed the concern and approved a field action.

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 fuel tank replaced. There will be no charge for

this service.

Ford is excluding reimbursement for costs because the original warranty program would provide for a free repair for this concern.

Ford will forward a copy of the notification letters to dealers to the agency when available.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : NR

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : NR

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : Notification to dealers is expected to occur on September 30, 2015. Mailing of owner notification letters is expected to begin October 19, 2015 and be completed by October 23, 2015.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : SEP 30, 2015 - OCT 01, 2015

Planned Owner Notification Date : OCT 19, 2015 - OCT 23, 2015

* NR - Not Reported