

**Part 573 Safety Recall Report****15V-865****Manufacturer Name :** Ford Motor Company**Submission Date :** DEC 21, 2015**NHTSA Recall No. :** 15V-865**Manufacturer Recall No. :** 15S37**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 : 1,170

Estimated percentage with defect : NR

**Vehicle Information :**

Vehicle : 2015-2015 Ford Transit

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : VAN

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : These vehicles are equipped with dual rear wheels.

Production Dates : MAY 01, 2015 - JUN 26, 2015

**VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range**

Begin : NR

End : NR

 Not sequential VINs**Description of Defect :**

Description of the Defect : Rear drive axle shafts in certain 2015 Transit vehicles equipped with dual rear wheels may not have been manufactured properly. These axles may fracture under certain conditions, which could result in a loss of motive power without warning while driving or unintended vehicle movement when the transmission shift lever is placed in the Park position without the parking brake applied, increasing the risk of injury or crash.

Ford is not aware of any reports of accident or injury related to this condition.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : A rear axle shaft fracture may cause a loss of motive power without warning while driving, or unintended vehicle movement when the transmission shift lever is placed in the Park position without the parking brake applied, increasing the risk of injury or crash.

Description of the Cause : NR

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : None.

**Supplier Identification :****Component Manufacturer**

Name : Mid-West Forge

Address : 17301 St. Clair Avenue  
Cleveland OHIO 44110

Country : United States

**Chronology :**

October 2015: An issue concerning reports of rear axle shaft fractures on some 2015 MY Transit vehicles equipped with dual rear wheels was reviewed in Ford's Critical Concern Review Group (CCRG). Analysis of fractured drive shafts obtained from some of these vehicles found indication of unacceptable material grain flow during the forging process that could lead to axle fracture.

November 2015: Analysis of field data and the field return parts found that vehicles produced between 01-May-2015 and 26-June-2015 may contain rear axle drive shafts that could fracture under certain conditions.

On December 14, 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 left and right side axle drive shafts 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 December 22, 2015. Mailing of owner notification letters is expected to begin February 8, 2016 and be completed by February 12, 2016.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : DEC 22, 2015 - DEC 22, 2015

Planned Owner Notification Date : FEB 08, 2016 - FEB 12, 2016

\* NR - Not Reported