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**TO:** All U.S. Ford and Lincoln Dealers

**SUBJECT:** **Safety Recall 15S39**  
2003-2005 Model Year Crown Victoria and Grand Marquis Vehicles  
Headlights Inoperative

**REF:** **Advance Notice - Safety Recall 15S39 – Supplement #1**  
Dated: July 25, 2016

**REF:** **Customer Satisfaction Program 14N01**  
2003-2005 Model Year Crown Victoria and Grand Marquis Vehicles  
Extended Warranty Coverage on Lighting Control Module

#### **AFFECTED VEHICLES**

Vehicle	Model Year	Assembly Plant	Build Dates
Crown Victoria	2003-2005	St. Thomas	All Build Dates Affected
Grand Marquis			

Affected vehicles are identified in OASIS and FSA VIN Lists.

#### **REASON FOR THIS SAFETY RECALL**

In some of the affected vehicles, the lighting control module (LCM) may develop a crack on a solder joint, which connects a relay to the circuit board. This may result in the headlights not illuminating, increasing the risk of crash at night. The headlights may have intermittent operation or flicker prior to loss of headlights. In the event of the loss of headlights, the flash-to-pass operation is still functional.

#### **SERVICE ACTION**

Dealers are to install a LCM bypass module kit on all affected vehicles. This service must be performed on all affected vehicles at no charge to the vehicle owner, even if headlamps are functioning properly.

**NOTE:** This safety recall supersedes customer satisfaction program 14N01. Vehicles that previously had the LCM replaced under customer satisfaction program 14N01 do not require this repair, and have been excluded from this safety recall. In addition, repairs performed for 14N01 must be dated on or before March 21, 2017.

#### **OWNER NOTIFICATION MAILING SCHEDULE**

Parts to repair this condition are currently not available in sufficient quantities to service all of the affected vehicles. Therefore, to manage the available parts, owners of affected vehicles will be notified in four separate mailings. Mailing will begin by the week of April 10, 2017. Dealers should repair any affected vehicles that arrive at their dealerships, whether or not the customer has received a letter.

**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 \$21,000 per vehicle. Correct all vehicles in your new vehicle inventory before delivery.**

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment I: Administrative Information  
Attachment II: Labor Allowances and Parts Ordering Information  
Attachment III: Technical Information  
Owner Notification Letter  
Recall Reimbursement Plan

**QUESTIONS & ASSISTANCE**

For questions and assistance, contact the Special Service Support Center (SSSC) via the SSSC Web Contact Site. The SSSC Web Contact Site can be accessed through the Professional Technician Society (PTS) website using the SSSC link listed at the bottom of the OASIS VIN report screen or listed under the SSSC tab.

Sincerely,



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**OASIS ACTIVATION**

OASIS was activated on December 21, 2015.

**FSA VIN LISTS ACTIVATION**

FSA VIN Lists were available through <https://web.fsavinlists.dealerconnection.com> on December 21, 2015. Owner names and addresses will be available by July 31, 2017.

**NOTE:** Your FSA VIN Lists may contain owner names and addresses obtained from motor vehicle registration records. The use of such motor vehicle registration data for any purpose other than in connection with this recall is a violation of law in several states, provinces, and countries.

Accordingly, you must limit the use of this listing to the follow-up necessary to complete this recall.

**STOCK VEHICLES**

- Use OASIS to identify any affected vehicles in your used vehicle inventory.

**SOLD VEHICLES**

- Owners of affected vehicles will be directed to dealers for repairs.
- Immediately contact any of your affected customers whose vehicles are not on your VIN list but are identified in OASIS. Give the customer a copy of the Owner Notification Letter (when available) and schedule a service date.
- Correct other affected vehicles identified in OASIS which are brought to your dealership.

**TITLE BRANDED / SALVAGED VEHICLES**

Affected title branded and salvaged vehicles are eligible for this recall.

**ADDITIONAL REPAIR (LABOR TIME AND/OR PARTS)**

Additional repairs identified as necessary to complete the FSA should be managed as follows:

- Submit an Approval Request to the SSSC Web Contact Site prior to completing the repair.

**OWNER REFUNDS**

- **This safety recall must still be performed, even if the owner has paid for a previous repair. Claiming a refund will not close the recall on the vehicle.**
- Ford Motor Company is offering a refund for owner-paid repairs covered by this recall if the repair was performed prior to the date indicated in the reimbursement plan, which is posted with this bulletin. Owners are directed to seek reimbursement through authorized dealers or, at their option, directly through Ford Motor Company at P.O. Box 6251, Dearborn, MI 48121-6251.
- Dealers are also pre-approved to refund owner-paid emergency repairs that were performed away from an authorized servicing dealer after the end date specified in the reimbursement plan. Non-covered repairs, or those judged by Ford to be excessive, will not be reimbursed.
- Refunds will only be provided for the cost associated with lighting control module (LCM) replacement.

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**RENTAL VEHICLES**

The use of rental vehicles is not approved for this program.

**CLAIMS PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION**

- Enter claims using Direct Warranty Entry (DWE) or One Warranty Solution (OWS).
  - DWE: refer to ACESII manual for claims preparation and submission information.
  - OWS: when entering claims in DMS software, select claim type 31: Field Service Action. The FSA number (15S39) is the sub code.
- Additional labor and/or parts must be claimed as related damage on a separate repair line from the FSA.
- Submit refunds on a separate repair line.
  - Program Code: 15S39
  - Misc. Expense: ADMIN
  - Misc. Expense: REFUND
  - Misc. Expense: 0.2 Hrs.
- Multiple refunds should be submitted on one repair line and the invoice details for each repair should be detailed in the comments section of the claim.

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**LABOR ALLOWANCES**

Description	Labor Operation	Labor Time
Install LCM Bypass Module Kit	15S39B	1.3 Hours

**PARTS REQUIREMENTS / ORDERING INFORMATION**

Part Number	Description	Order Quantity
3W7Z-13C788-A	LCM Bypass Module Kit	1

The DOR/COR number for this recall is 51021.

Order your parts through normal order processing channels. To guarantee the shortest delivery time, an emergency order for parts must be placed.

**DEALER PRICE**

For latest prices, refer to DOES II.

**PARTS RETENTION AND RETURN**

Follow the provisions of the Warranty and Policy Manual, Section 1 - WARRANTY PARTS RETENTION AND RETURN POLICIES.

**EXCESS STOCK RETURN**

Excess stock returned for credit must have been purchased from Ford Customer Service Division in accordance with Policy Procedure Bulletin 4000.

## 2003 - 2005 MODEL YEAR CROWN VICTORIA AND GRAND MARQUIS VEHICLES — HEADLIGHTS INOPERATIVE

### OVERVIEW

In some of the affected vehicles, the lighting control module (LCM) may develop a crack on a solder joint which connects a relay to the circuit board. This may result in the headlights not illuminating, increasing the risk of a crash at night. The headlights may have intermittent operation or flicker prior to loss of headlights. In the event of the loss of headlights, the flash-to-pass operation is still functional.

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### SERVICE PROCEDURE

1. Test the operation of all exterior lights.
  - If all lights function properly, or all lights except headlight low-beams function properly, proceed directly to Step 2 to install the LCM bypass module.
  - If any other exterior light does not function properly, normal diagnostic and repair procedures must be performed and are not covered by this safety recall.
    - If the LCM is determined to be the root cause of the exterior lighting concern, contact the SSSC via the web contact site.
    - After all exterior lighting concerns have been resolved, proceed to Step 2 to install the LCM bypass module.
2. Remove the LCM to access the connectors at the rear of the module. Please follow the Workshop Manual (WSM) procedures in Section 419-10.

**NOTE:** It is not necessary to completely remove the accelerator pedal as directed in the WSM. Remove the fasteners and position the accelerator pedal aside.

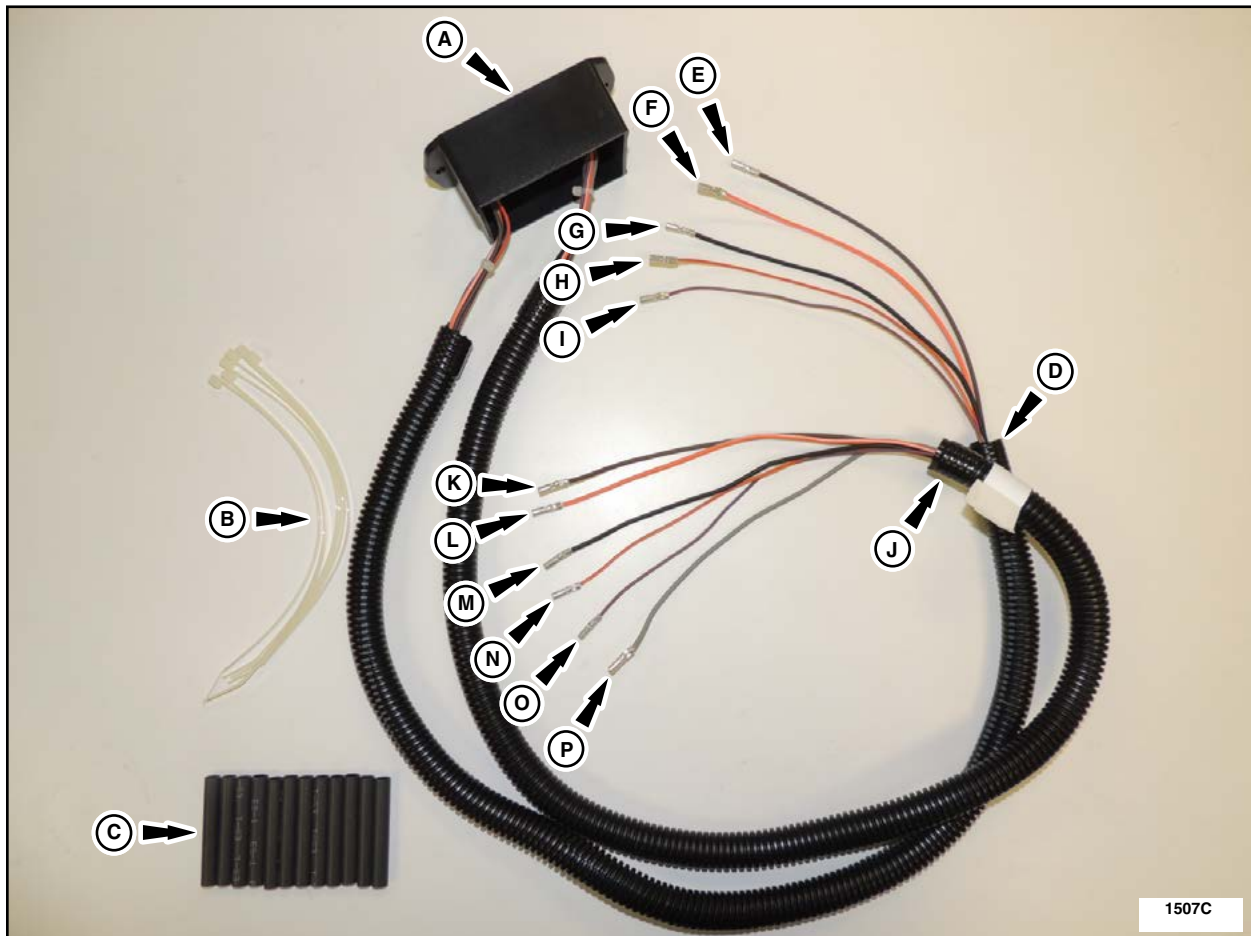
**NOTE:** The negative battery cable must be disconnected when performing this procedure.



**Kit Contents:**

- A. LCM Bypass Module
- B. Zip Ties
- C. Heat Shrink Tubing
- D. 5-Wire Side of Harness
- E. Brown (BN) wire
- F. Orange/White (OG/WH) wire
- G. Black (BK) wire
- H. Red/Yellow (RD/YE) wire
- I. Violet/Orange (VT/OG) wire

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- O. Violet/Orange (VT/OG) wire
- P. Gray (GY) wire



**FIGURE 1**

**NOTE:** The 5-wire side of the LCM bypass module must be connected to the LCM (component) side of the harness.  
The 6-wire side of the LCM bypass module must be connected to the vehicle side of the harness.  
The 6-wire side of the LCM bypass module harness has a part identification label attached near the end of the convolute.



- Cut the appropriate circuits on the vehicle harness near the LCM connectors leaving at least 1.5 in (3.8 cm) of wire available on both sides of cut. For connector and pin identification, please refer to pages 5-8.

**NOTE:** Install heat shrink tubing over LCM bypass wires before splicing wires to vehicle harness. Use a heat gun to shrink the tubing after completing splices.

- Complete the wiring connections by following the connector repair procedures for the crimp splicing method. Refer to Wiring Diagram, Section 5.

- Reinstall the LCM. Please follow the WSM procedures in Section 419-10.

**NOTE:** Do not install the instrument panel lower insulator until after the LCM bypass module and harness have been mounted and secured.

- Mount the LCM bypass module to the metal instrument panel brace located under the driver side instrument panel, above the park brake mechanism. Figure 2.

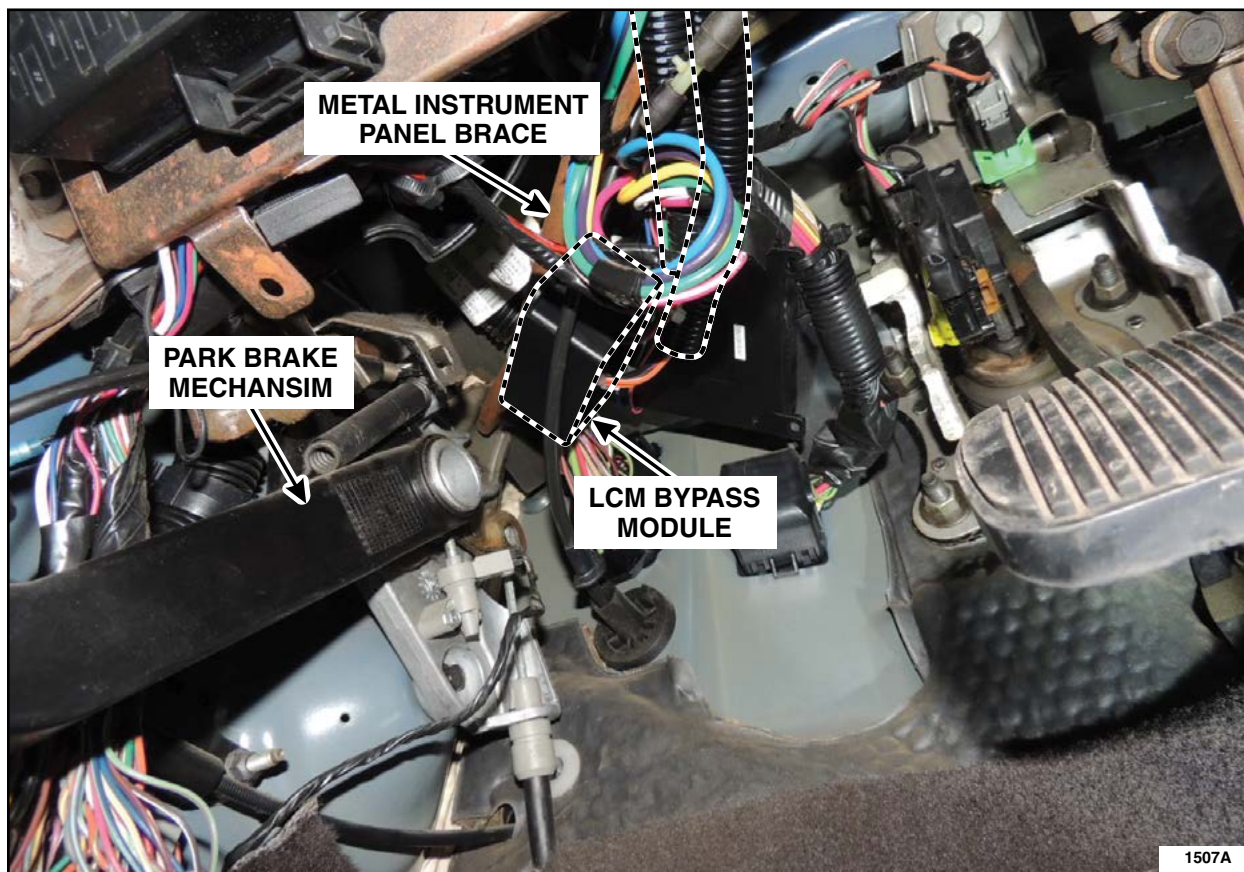


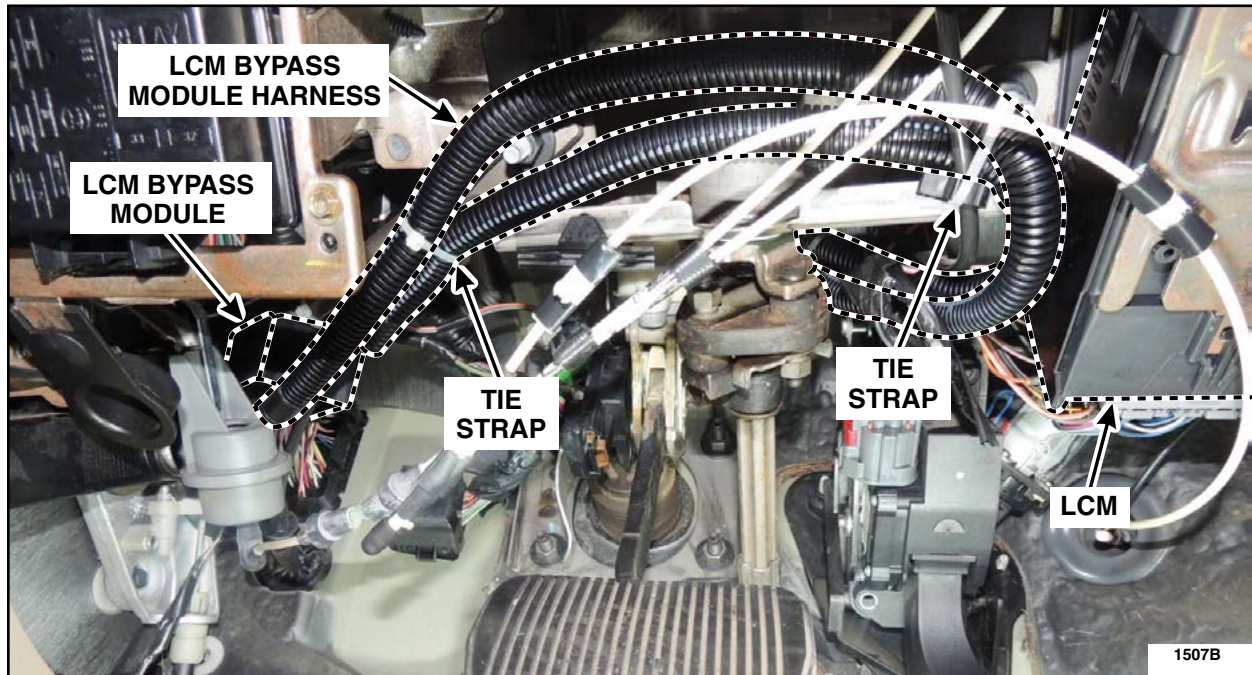
FIGURE 2





7. Route and secure the LCM bypass module harness as shown in Figure 3, using tie straps as necessary.

**NOTICE:** Verify the LCM bypass module harness is secured away from all sharp edges and moving parts.



**FIGURE 3**

8. Install the instrument panel lower insulator. Please follow the WSM procedures in Section 419-10.

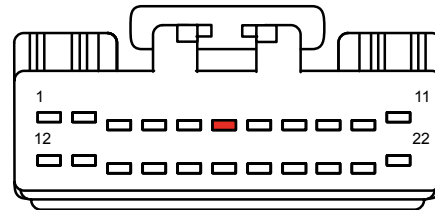


WIRING SCHEMATICS

**C2145a** (GY)

**14401**

Lighting control module



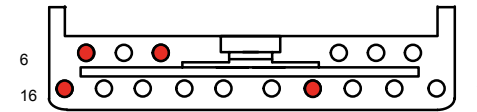
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Pin	Circuit	Circuit function
6	220 (VT/OG)	Autolamp On/Off signal

**C2145b** (BK)

**14401**

Lighting control module



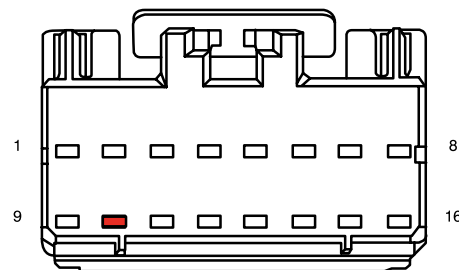
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Pin	Circuit	Circuit function
4	14 (BN)	Power, Exterior lamps
6	221 (OG/WH)	Voltage supplied at all times (overload protected)
10	57 (BK) '03-'04 57 (PK/OG) '05	Ground
16	502 (GY)	Cornering lamp, Power, feed

**C2145c** (GY)

**14401**

Lighting control module



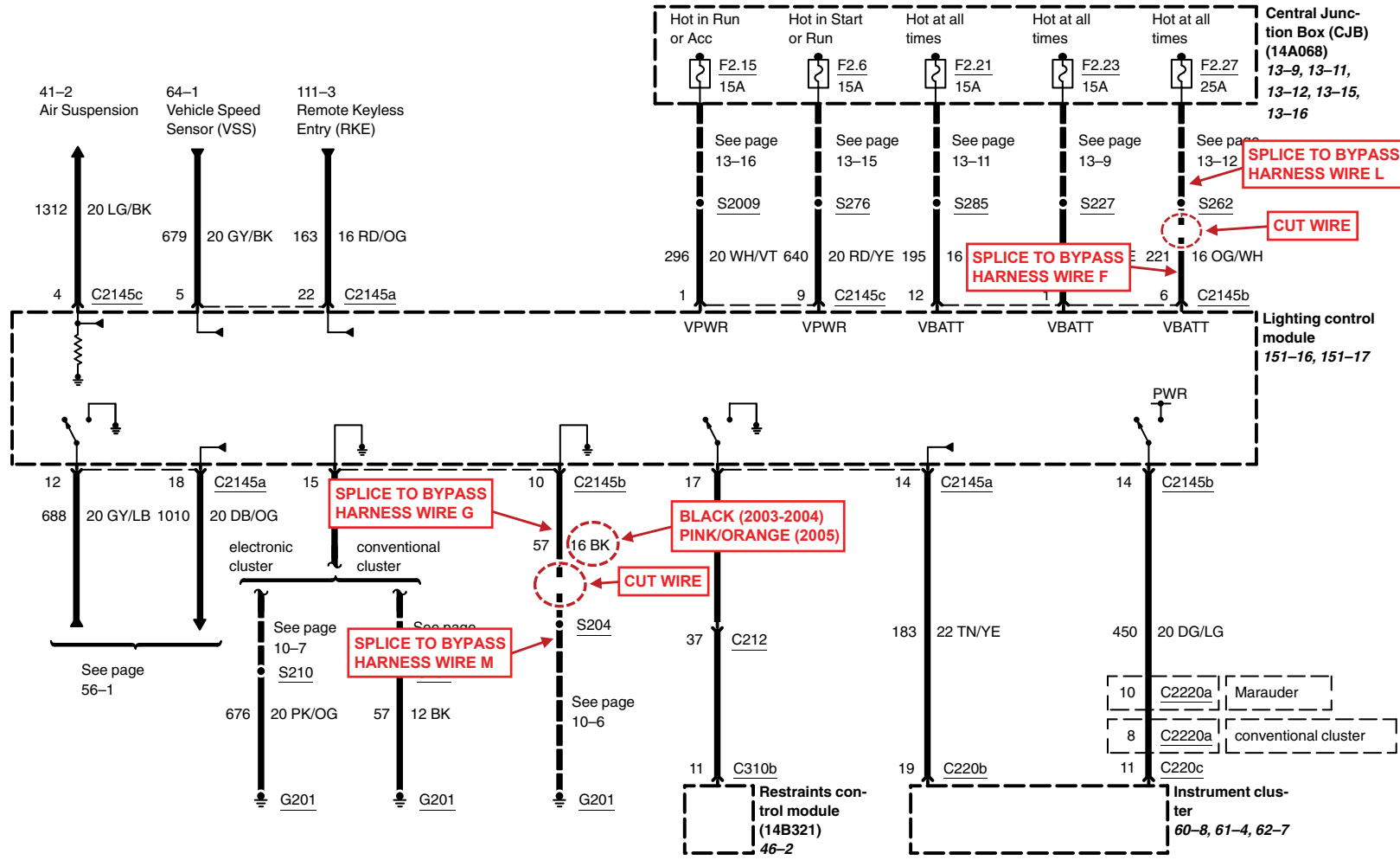
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Pin	Circuit	Circuit function
10	1033 (RD/YE)	Headlamps, On/Off signal



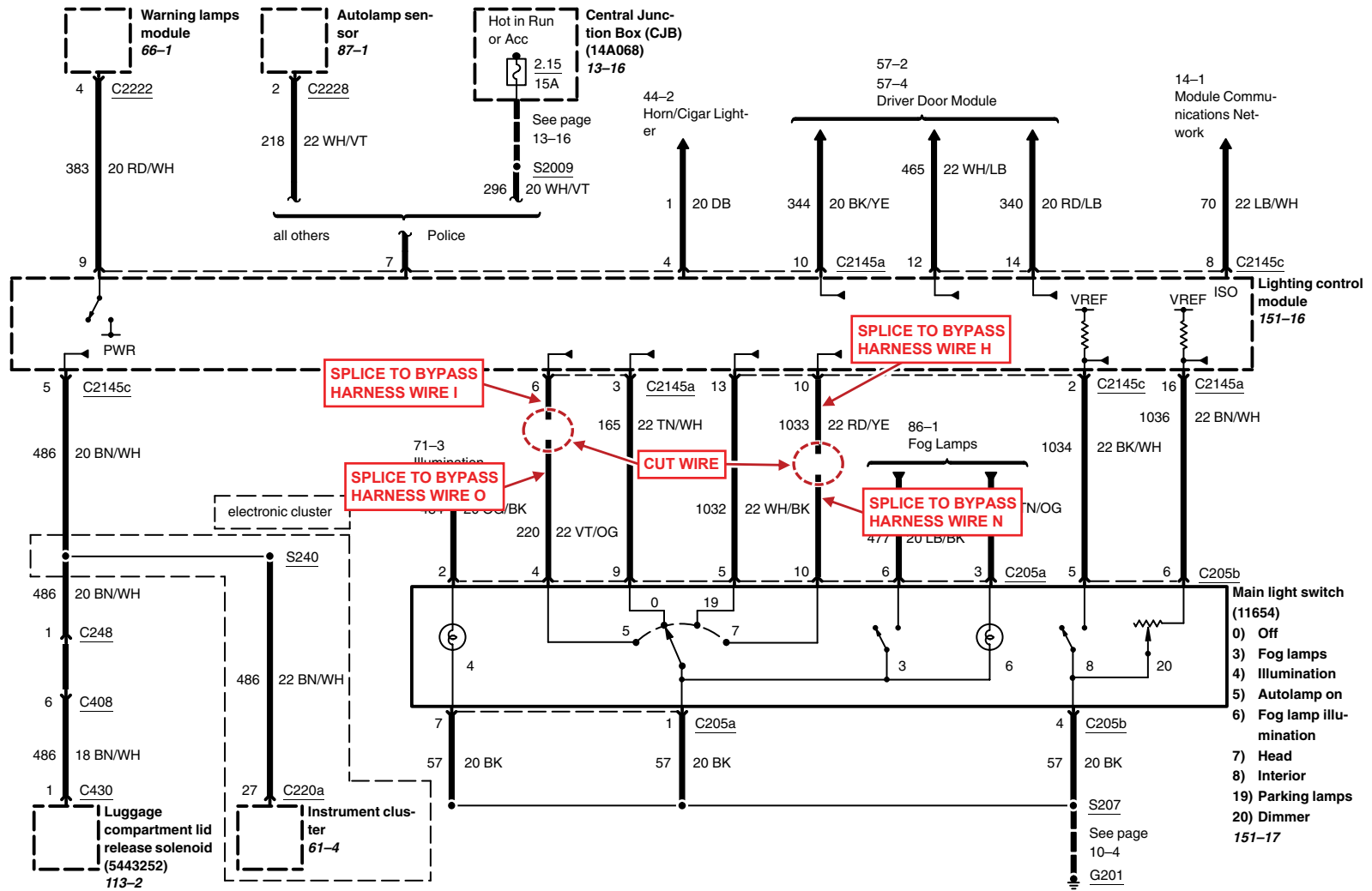
**NOTE:** Refer to Figure 1 for LCM bypass harness wire identification.

The 5-wire side of the bypass module will ALWAYS be connected to the LCM (component) side of the harness.  
The 6-wire side of the bypass module will ALWAYS be connected to the vehicle side of the harness.  
The black wire from the bypass module will be connected to circuit 57 (C2145b pin 10).  
In the vehicle, circuit 57 will be black for model years 2003-2004 or pink/orange for model year 2005.



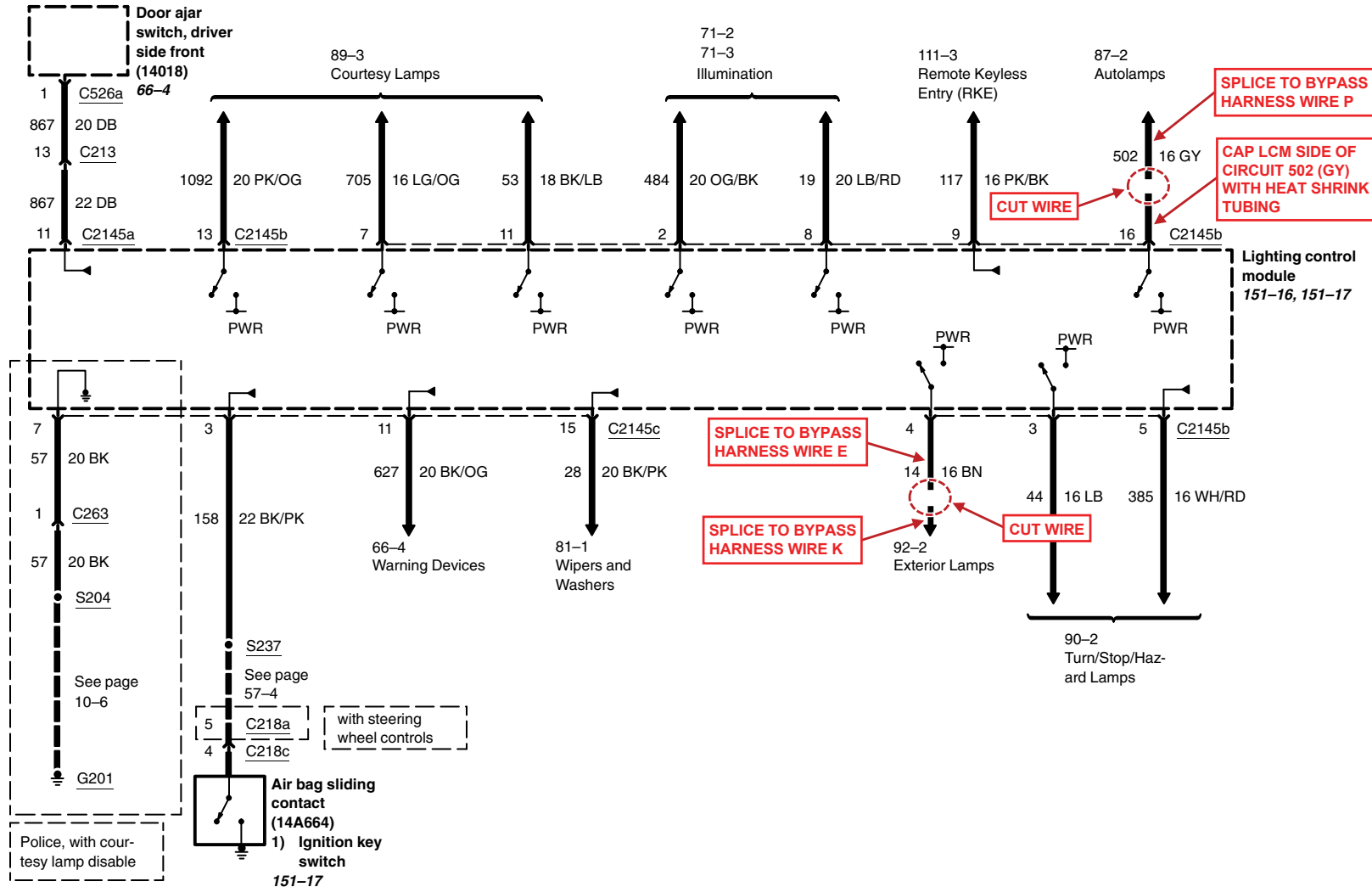
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**Ford Motor Company**  
**Recall Reimbursement Plan for 15S39**

*Ford and Lincoln dealers are in the best position to quickly and efficiently process reimbursement requests. However, federal legislation requires all motor vehicle manufacturers to establish processes through which customers may seek recall reimbursement directly from the manufacturer or from the dealers.*

*Regarding the specific reimbursement plan for Recall # 15S39, owners who have paid for service to remedy the defect or noncompliance must have had that service performed prior to February 29, 2016. After this date, if repairs related to this recall are performed by a non-Ford repair facility in an emergency situation, customers must submit any refund requests through their dealership. As required by this federal regulation, Ford Motor Company submitted the details of its latest General Recall Reimbursement Plan in a letter to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) in February 2015. The following is the text of that letter and the Plan:*

**General Recall Reimbursement Plan**  
(As submitted to the NHTSA)

Pursuant to the requirements set forth in 49 CFR Part 573 and Part 577 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Ford Motor Company (Ford) is submitting required information pertaining to our general reimbursement plan for the cost of remedies paid for by vehicle owners before they are notified of a related safety recall.

Set forth below is Ford's general plan to reimburse owners and purchasers for costs incurred for remedies in advance of notification of potential safety-related defects or noncompliances pursuant to Part 573.6 (c)(8)(i). This plan has not changed since our February 20, 2015 submission.

**Reimbursement Notification**

Ford's notice to a vehicle owner in accordance with 49 CFR Part 577 will indicate that Ford is offering a refund if the owner paid to have service to remedy the defect or noncompliance prior to a specified ending date. In accordance with Part 573.13 (c)(2), this ending date will be defined as a minimum of ten calendar days after the date on which Ford mailed the last of its Part 577 notifications to owners, and will be indicated in the specific reimbursement plan available to owners for an individual recall. This notice will direct owners to seek eligible reimbursement through authorized dealers or, at their option, directly through Ford at the following address:

Ford Motor Company  
P.O. Box 6251  
Dearborn, MI 48121-6251

Ford notes that this rule allows for the identification of a beginning date for reimbursement eligibility. Under the rule, an owner who paid to remedy the defect or noncompliance prior to the identified beginning date would not be eligible for reimbursement. Ford generally has not established such a beginning date for reimbursement eligibility and does not presently anticipate changing this general policy. However, in any case where Ford determines a beginning date is appropriate, Ford will indicate that date in the owner notice. As permitted by 577.11(e), Ford may not include a reimbursement notification when all vehicles are well within the warranty period, subject to approval by the agency.

## **Costs to be Reimbursed**

For vehicles, reimbursement will not be less than the lesser of:

- The amount paid by the owner for the remedy that specifically addressed and was reasonably necessary to correct the defect or noncompliance that is the subject of the recall, or
- The cost of parts for the remedy (to be no more than the manufacturer's list retail price for authorized part(s), plus associated labor at local labor rates, miscellaneous fees (such as disposal of waste) and taxes.

For replacement equipment, reimbursement will be the amount paid by the owner for the replacement item (limited by the amount of the retail list price of the defective or noncompliant item that was replaced, plus taxes, where the brand or model purchased by the owner was different than the brand or model that was the subject of the recall). If the item of motor vehicle equipment was repaired, the reimbursement provisions identified above for vehicles will apply.

Ford notes that costs incurred by the owner within the period during which Ford's original or extended warranty would have provided for a free repair of the problem will not be eligible for reimbursement, as provided by Part 573.13 (d)(1).

### Entities Authorized to Provide Reimbursement

Ford will continue to use authorized dealers to reimburse owners under the specific reimbursement plans for a particular recall, and will encourage owners to pursue requests for reimbursement directly through dealers to expedite reimbursement. Ford will also provide a mailing address to which customers can, at their option, send requests for reimbursement directly to Ford, as previously noted. Requests for reimbursement sent directly to Ford may take up to 60 days to process. Whether the owner chooses to pursue reimbursement requests through a dealer or directly through Ford, the owner will be directed to submit the required documentation, upon which reimbursement eligibility will be determined.

## **Required Documentation**

The reimbursement determination will depend upon the information provided by the customer. Consistent with Part 573.13 (d)(4) the following information must be submitted:

- Claimant name and address
- Vehicle make, model, and model year
- Vehicle identification number (VIN) and, for replacement equipment, a description of such equipment or, for tires, the model, size and TIN (DOT code)
- Identification of the recall number (either the Ford recall number or the NHTSA recall number)
- Identification of the owner of the recalled vehicle at the time that the pre-notification remedy was obtained
- An original receipt for the pre-notification remedy that includes a breakdown of the amount for parts, labor, other costs and taxes, including costs for the replacement item. Where the receipt covers work other than to address the recall or noncompliance, Ford may require the claimant to separately identify costs that are eligible for reimbursement.
- If the remedy was obtained during the warranty period, documentation indicating that the warranty was not honored or the warranty repair did not correct the problem related to the recall.

Failure to submit all of the above information may result in denial of the reimbursement request.

## **Additional Information**

The Part 577 required owner notice will provide a toll-free telephone number through which specific information about the reimbursement plan can be requested from Ford. This general reimbursement plan will be incorporated into notifications pursuant to Part 573.6 by reference. Information specific to an individual recall also may be incorporated into the Part 573.6 notification.