



U.S. Department of Transportation
**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NEF-150MR
16E-026

Subject: Front Brake Pad Shims May Shift and Contact Disc

Dear Ms. Brey:

This letter serves to acknowledge Robert Bosch LLC's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

FORD/TAURUS/2001-2007
FORD/TAURUS SHO/1995-1999
LINCOLN/CONTINENTAL/1995-2002
LINCOLN/MARK VIII/1993-1998
MERCURY/SABLE/2001-2005
BOSCH BLUE/FRONT BRAKE PADS BE598/9999
BOSCH BLUE/FRONT BRAKE PADS BE598H/9999
BOSCH QUIETCAST/FRONT BRAKE PADS BC598/9999
BOSCH QUIETCAST/FRONT BRAKE PADS BP765/9999
BRAKEBEST/FRONT BRAKE PADS MKD765/9999
DURALAST/FRONT BRAKE PADS MKD598/9999
DURALAST GOLD/FRONT BRAKE PADS DG598/9999
PROSTOP/FRONT BRAKE PADS PD598/9999
PROSTOP/FRONT BRAKE PADS PD765M/9999
PROSTOP PLATINUM/FRONT BRAKE PADS PGD598/9999
STOPMASTER/FRONT BRAKE PADS ST598/9999
ULTRALIFE/FRONT BRAKE PADS MX598/9999
ULTRALIFE/FRONT BRAKE PADS MX765/9999
ULTRASTOP/FRONT BRAKE PADS ULT598/9999

Mfr's Report Date: March 31, 2016

NHTSA Campaign Number: 16E-026

Components:

SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC:FOUNDATION COMPONENTS:DISC:PADS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 49,635

Problem Description:

Bosch Brake Components LLC (Bosch) is recalling certain aftermarket replacement front brake pads, models Bosch QuietCast

BC598 and BP765, Bosch Blue BE598 and BE598H, Prostop PD598 and PD765M, Duralast Gold DG598, Duralast MKD598, Stop Master ST598, UltraStop ULT598, UltraLife MX598 and MX765, BrakeBest MKD765, and Prostop Platinum PGD598. These brake pads, manufactured October 1, 2014, to October 31, 2015 are intended for use on 2001-2007 Ford Taurus, 2001-2005 Mercury Sable, 1995-1999 Ford Taurus SHO, 1995-2002 Lincoln Continental, and 1993-1998 Lincoln Mark VIII vehicles. The brake pad shim may shift out of position causing the shim to contact the brake disc resulting in damage to the disc.

Consequence:

A damaged or broken brake disc may reduce a vehicle's braking power, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Bosch will instruct the owners how to have the affected brake pads replaced, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin May 2, 2016. Owners may contact Bosch customer service at 1-888-715-3616.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Michelle Rice who may be reached by phone at 202-366-1060, or by email at michelle.rice@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement