

**Part 573 Safety Recall Report****16V-188****Manufacturer Name :** Ford Motor Company**Submission Date :** MAR 30, 2016**NHTSA Recall No. :** 16V-188**Manufacturer Recall No. :** 16S13**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 : 37,066

Estimated percentage with defect : NR

**Vehicle Information :**

Vehicle : 2015-2016 Ford Transit

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : STATIONWAGON

Power Train : GAS

**Descriptive Information :** 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 : MAR 12, 2014 - MAR 18, 2016

**VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range**

Begin : NR

End : NR

 Not sequential VINs**Description of Defect :**

**Description of the Defect :** Certain side curtain air bag assemblies may have been manufactured and installed with a fold orientation that was not to design intent.

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 :** If the side curtain air bag fold is not oriented properly, it may not deploy with proper trajectory. This may influence curtain performance in side impact and/or rollover events, increasing the risk of injury during a crash.

**Description of the Cause :** NR**Identification of Any Warning that can Occur :** None.

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

Name : TRW Inc.

Address : NR

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Country : Mexico

**Chronology :**

January – February 2016: An issue concerning potential side curtain air bag fold mis-orientation on certain 2016 MY Transit low roof wagon vehicles was opened in Ford's Critical Concern Review Group for review. Side curtain air bag assemblies were inspected at Ford's Kansas City Assembly Plant and some curtains were found outside the intended orientation. Further review found that the supplier's processes could allow for air bag fold mis-orientation by varying degrees. Engineering assessed potential curtain air bag performance with mis-oriented folds and concluded that proper air bag trajectory could be affected.

On March 21, 2016, 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 side curtain air bags on both sides of the vehicle inspected and re-oriented if required. 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 March 31, 2016. Mailing of owner notification letters is expected to begin on May 16, 2016 and is expected to be completed by May 20, 2016.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : MAR 31, 2016 - MAR 31, 2016

Planned Owner Notification Date : MAY 16, 2016 - MAY 20, 2016

\* NR - Not Reported