

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

16V-475

Manufacturer Name : Ford Motor Company**Submission Date :** JUN 27, 2016**NHTSA Recall No. :** 16V-475**Manufacturer Recall No. :** 16C11**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 : 5,280

Estimated percentage with defect : NR

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2016-2016 Ford Explorer

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : SUV

Power Train : GAS

Descriptive Information : Affected vehicles are equipped with a manual driver's seat recliner mechanism.

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 : FEB 17, 2016 - MAR 07, 2016

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

 Not sequential

Vehicle 2 : 2016-2016 Ford F-150

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : PICKUP TRUCK

Power Train : GAS

Descriptive Information : Affected vehicles are equipped with a manual driver's seat recliner mechanism.

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Production Dates : FEB 17, 2016 - FEB 25, 2016

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

 Not sequential

Description of Noncompliance :

Description of the Noncompliance : Certain 2016 F-150 and Explorer vehicles equipped with a manual recline driver's seat, may have an inadequate weld between the driver's seat back and the manually operated seat back recliner mechanism. A seat back with an inadequate weld may fail to comply with the requirements of FMVSS 202a, Sections 4.2.7a and 4.2.7b (Head Restraints) and FMVSS 207 Section 4.2 (Seating Systems).

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

FMVSS 1 : 202 - Head restraints

FMVSS 2 : 207 - Seating systems

Description of the Safety Risk : Some of the affected vehicles may not comply with the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard FMVSS 202: Head Restraints, and FMVSS 207: Seating Systems. The driver seat back may have been improperly welded and may not adequately restrain an occupant in a crash, increasing the risk of injury.

Description of the Cause : An inadequate weld between the seat back and the seat recliner mechanism was caused by excessive oil on the stamped recliner mechanism components.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : The driver's seat back may appear to be loose, twisted or lean to one side, and/or squeak/rattle.

Supplier Identification :

Component Manufacturer

Name : Faurecia

Address : 2800 High Meadow Circle
Auburn Hills MICHIGAN 48326

Country : United States

Chronology :

June 2016: An issue concerning reports of manually operated seat back recliner mechanism weld failures was reviewed by Ford's Critical Concern Review Group (CCRG). Analysis of returned parts found inadequate welds between the seat back frame and the recliner mechanism. Analysis of seat supplier records found manufacturing process issues between February 15, 2016, and February 19, 2016, that were the cause of this condition.

On June 20, 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 driver's seat back frame assembly inspected to determine if it was built during the suspect timeframe (February 15, 2016 through February 19, 2016). If built in this timeframe, the seat back frame will be replaced per technical service instructions provided in the dealer bulletin. 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 June 28, 2016. Mailing of owner notification letters is expected to begin August 15, 2016 and is expected to be completed by August 19, 2016.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : JUN 28, 2016 - JUN 28, 2016

Planned Owner Notification Date : AUG 15, 2016 - AUG 19, 2016

* NR - Not Reported