

IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL

NHTSA Recall No. 16E026

May 2016

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. Bosch Brake Components LLC (Bosch) has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain aftermarket brake pads manufactured by Bosch and shipped to distributors and retailers from October 2014 through November 2015. Bosch is recalling the affected product. Our records indicate that you may have purchased one of these products. Therefore, please review this letter carefully.

What Products Are Involved?

This recall involves the following 598 model aftermarket (replacement) front brake pads produced by Bosch:

BRAND	PART NUMBER	VEHICLE APPLICATIONS
Bosch QuietCast Bosch Blue	BC598 BE598H BE598	2001 - 2007 Ford Taurus sedan and wagon 2001 - 2005 Mercury Sable sedan or wagon 1999 - 1995 Ford Taurus SHO 1995 - 2002 Lincoln Continental 1993 - 1998 Lincoln Mark VIII

Attachment A to this letter contains photos of the affected brake pads (subject to recall) and photos of unaffected brake pads. Also included in Attachment A is a photo of a representative label provided with the brake pad along with the affected date codes that you may be able to use to determine whether a brake pad you purchased is subject to this recall

What is the Problem?

Under certain conditions, the shim on the subject brake pads can shift out of the original position and can come into contact with and cut a groove in the rotor. If the shim contacts the "hat" area of the rotor and the condition remains undetected for an extended period of time, the rotor could eventually break, resulting in a loss of brake function at that wheel end. A loss of brake function at a wheel may cause an increase in vehicle stopping distance, thereby increasing the risk of a vehicle crash. Noise associated with the shim contacting the rotor during braking should provide advance warning to the driver of this condition.

What Should You Do?

If you believe you have a set of the affected brake pads on your vehicle, please contact Bosch Technical Support and Warranty Hotline directly at (888) 715-3616. Replacement brake pads (and any rotors that show damage caused by the shifting shim) will be installed free of charge (parts and labor) to you. Repair time only for brake pads up to 1 hour with the addition of rotors up to 1.5 hours.

If you purchased the affected brake pads and they are not yet installed, please return the brake pads to where you purchased them for a refund or replacement.

If you have any questions, please contact Bosch Technical Support and Warranty Hotline directly at (888) 715-3616. If you are unable to obtain a remedy without charge within a reasonable time, you may submit a complaint to: Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, D.C. 20590; or call the toll-free Auto Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4326 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

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We appreciate your cooperation and prompt attention to this important matter, and apologize for any inconvenience.

Sincerely,

Bosch Brake Components LLC

Attachment A - Affected Product Identification

Part Verification

Affected brake pad



Accepted brake pads, not part of recall



Label Date Code Verification



Bosch QuietCast date code:
Yr & Mn code, ## Day of Mn
 Range to return 45801 - 55831

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2014	417	418	419	420	453	454	455	456	457	458	459	460
2015	517	518	519	520	553	554	555	556	557	558	559	560

Label Date Code Verification (continued)



Bosch Blue date code:
Yr & Mn code, ## Day of Mn
Range to return 45801 - 55831