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* * * IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL * * * (PROGRAMA DE SEGURIDAD IMPORTANTE)

Safety Recall Notice 16S06 / NHTSA Recall 16V-111 Aviso de Revisión de Seguridad 16S06

2015 Transit Your Vehicle Identification Number (VIN):

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Ford Motor Company has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in your vehicle, with the VIN shown above.

We apologize for this situation and want to assure you that, with your assistance, we will correct this condition. Our commitment, together with your dealer, is to provide you with the highest level of service and support.

What is the issue?

On your vehicle, the seat belt buckles in all rear seating positions are susceptible to damage if a heavy object directly impacts the top of the buckle. Please note that the driver and front passenger seating positions are not affected. If the rear seat belt buckles are damaged, the buckle cover may interfere with the normal function of the buckle, which may ultimately prevent the buckle tongue from becoming latched or potentially remaining latched, increasing the risk of injury in a crash. Depending on the amount of buckle damage, this condition may or may not be obvious to you or your passengers.

What will Ford and your dealer do?

Ford Motor Company has authorized your dealer to replace specific seat belt buckles in the rear seating positions. Additional buckles in the rear seating positions will be checked, and depending upon the inspection results, will be modified or replaced as needed free of charge (parts and labor).

How long will it take?

The time needed for this repair is less than one-half day. However, due to service scheduling requirements, your dealer may need your vehicle for a longer period of time. In addition, your vehicle will require an inspection to determine if additional parts need to be ordered.

What should you do?

Please call your dealer without delay and request a service date for Recall 16S06. Provide the dealer with your VIN, which is printed near your name at the beginning of this letter.

If you do not already have a servicing dealer, you can access www.Fordowner.com for dealer addresses, maps, and driving instructions.

IMPORTANT: Until all rear seat belt buckles are serviced, passengers should verify that the rear seat belt buckles are not damaged and functioning properly **before each use** by performing the following inspection:

- 1. Visually check the seat belt buckle cover for damage. The buckle cover should be flush and aligned with the red release button.
- Make sure the red release button moves freely.
- 3. Insert the seat belt tongue into the buckle until an audible click is heard.
- 4. Pull upwards firmly on the seat belt webbing near the buckle three times. The seat belt must remain latched into the buckle.

If any of the rear seat belt buckles are visually damaged or not functioning properly, do not use that seating location until this safety recall has been completed.

Ford Motor Company wants you to have this safety recall completed on your vehicle. The vehicle owner is responsible for making arrangements to have the work completed.

Please note: Federal law requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

Have you previously paid for this repair?

If you have previously paid for a repair that addresses the issue described in this letter, you still need to have this recall performed to ensure the correct parts were used.

You may be eligible for a refund of previously paid repairs. Refunds will only be provided for service related to the replacement of safety belt buckles in rear seating positions. To verify eligibility and <u>expedite reimbursement</u>, give your paid original receipt to your dealer.

Refund requests may also be sent directly to Ford Motor Company. To request your refund from Ford, send the refund request with all required documentation, including your original repair receipt (no photocopies), to Ford Motor Company at P.O. Box 6251, Dearborn, Michigan 48121-6251. Refund requests mailed to this address may take up to 60 days to process. Your original receipt will be returned to you.

Detailed information regarding eligibility for Ford's reimbursement program and documentation requirements may be obtained by contacting the Ford Customer Relationship Center at 1-866-436-7332.

What if you no longer own this vehicle?

If you no longer own this vehicle, and have an address for the current owner, please forward this letter to the new owner.

You received this notice because government regulations require that notification be sent to the last known owner of record. Our records are based primarily on state registration and title data, which indicate that you are the current owner.

Can we assist you further?

If you have difficulties getting your vehicle repaired promptly and without charge, please contact your dealership's Service Manager for assistance.

RETAIL OWNERS: If you have questions or concerns, please contact our Ford Customer Relationship Center at 1-866-436-7332 and one of our representatives will be happy to assist you. If you wish to contact us through the Internet, our address is: www.Fordowner.com.

For the hearing impaired call 1-800-232-5952 (TDD). Representatives are available Monday through Friday: 8:00AM - 8:00PM (Eastern Time).

<u>FLEET OWNERS</u>: If you have questions or concerns, please contact our **Fleet Customer Information Center at 1-800-34-FLEET**, choose Option #3, and one of our representatives will be happy to assist you. If you wish to contact us through the Internet, our address is: www.fleet.ford.com.

Representatives are available Monday through Friday: 8:00AM - 8:00PM (Eastern Time).

If you are still having difficulty getting your vehicle repaired in a reasonable time or without charge, you may write the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave. S.E., Washington, D.C. 20590 or call the toll free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153) or go to www.safercar.gov. Reference NHTSA Safety Recall 16V-111.

Para asistencia en Español

Visite nuestro sitio web para ver este anuncio en Español al siguiente dirección: https://es.owner.ford.com/tools/account/maintenance/recalls.html Si necesita ayuda o tiene alguna pregunta, por favor llame al Centro de Relación con Clientes al 1-866-436-7332 y presione 2 para Español.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

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