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*** * * IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL * * ***

Safety Recall Notice 17S44 / NHTSA Recall 17V-803

2018 Escape

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, one or both of the side curtain airbag inflators have a diffuser that may detach during airbag deployment.

What is the risk?

If an inflator diffuser detaches during airbag deployment it may create a tear that could cause the side curtain airbag to not fully inflate. There is also potential for the diffuser to become a projectile in the passenger compartment. An inflator diffuser that detaches during airbag deployment may increase the risk of injury in a crash.

What will Ford and your dealer do?

Ford Motor Company has authorized your dealer to replace the affected side curtain airbags 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.

What should you do?

Please call your dealer without delay and request a service date for Recall 17S44. 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.



**What should you do?
(continued)**

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.

You can receive information about Recalls and Customer Satisfaction Programs through our FordPass App. The app can be downloaded through the App Store or Google Play. In addition there are other features such as reserving and paying for parking in certain locations and controlling certain functions on your vehicle (lock or unlock doors, remote start) if it is equipped to allow control.

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).

FLEET OWNERS: 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 17V-803.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

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