



U.S. Department of Transportation  
**National Highway Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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NEF-150JK  
18V-568

**Subject:** Fire after Seat Belt Pretensioner Deployment

Dear Mr. Fronckowiak:

This letter serves to acknowledge Ford Motor Company's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

**Makes/Models/Model Years:**

FORD/F-150/2015-2018

**Mfr's Report Date:** August 31, 2018

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 18V-568

**Components:**

SEAT BELTS:PRETENSIONER  
STRUCTURE:BODY:ROOF AND PILLARS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 1,619,112

**Problem Description:**

Ford Motor Company (Ford) is recalling certain 2015-2018 Ford F-150 Regular Cab and SuperCrew Cab vehicles. If a front seat belt pretensioner deploys as the result of a crash, the sparks may ignite materials such as carpeting or insulation within the B-pillar area.

**Consequence:**

A vehicle fire could result if materials ignite inside the vehicle.

**Remedy:**

Ford will notify owners, and dealers will remove the B-pillar insulation material and wiring harness tape, and install heat resistant tape, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin September 24, 2018. Owners may contact Ford customer service at 1-866-436-7332. Ford's number for this recall is 18S27.

**Notes:**

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to [www.safercar.gov](http://www.safercar.gov).

NHTSA is missing critical, required information for this safety recall. This information must be supplied through the NHTSA Recalls Portal within 5 working days of confirming its accuracy:

- A description of the basis for your company's determination of the recall population (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(2)).
- A description of how the vehicles to be recalled differ from similar vehicles that are not included in the recall (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(2)).
- The percentage of vehicles estimated to contain the defect or noncompliance (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(4)).
- A chronology that includes a summary of all warranty claims, field or other service reports, and other information (such as numbers of deaths and/or injuries), with their dates of receipt. (49 CFR 573.6(c)(6)).

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Jennifer Kruger who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-2461, or by email at [jennifer.kruger@dot.gov](mailto:jennifer.kruger@dot.gov) or through the office email at [rmd.odi@dot.gov](mailto:rmd.odi@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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Enforcement