

U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

August 20, 2019

Ms. Cynthia Williams Ford Motor Company 330 Town Center Drive Dearborn, MI 48126 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

NEF-150JK 19V-590

Subject: Front Seat Belts May Not Restrain Occupants

Dear Ms. Williams:

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/FUSION/2015 LINCOLN/MKZ/2015

Mfr's Report Date: August 12, 2019

NHTSA Campaign Number: 19V-590

Components:

SEAT BELTS:FRONT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 103.374

Problem Description:

Ford Motor Company (Ford) is recalling certain 2015 Fusion and Lincoln MKZ vehicles. In the event of a crash, heat from the deployment of a seat belt pretensioner may cause a front seat belt anchor cable to fail.

Consequence:

A failed seat belt anchor cable cannot properly restrain the front seat occupants, increasing their risk of injury.

Remedy:

Ford will notify owners, and dealers will apply a protective coating to the seat belt cable, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin September 9, 2019. Owners may contact Ford customer service at 1-866-436-7332. Ford's number for this recall is 19S25. Note: This recall is an expansion of a recall 16V-875.

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.



We have received Ford's proposed owner notification letter and have approved it for distribution.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

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).

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. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Joshua Neff

Chief, Recall Management Division Office of Defects Investigations

Enforcement

