

February 25, 2020

Mr. Adrian Diaz Assistant Engineering Director Automotive Safety Office Ford Motor Company 330 Town Center Drive Suite 500/5024 Dearborn, MI 48126

Subject: Daytime Running Lights May Not Dim/FMVSS 108

Dear Mr. Diaz:

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-150/2018-2020

Mfr's Report Date: February 21, 2020

NHTSA Campaign Number: 20V-097

**Components:** EXTERIOR LIGHTING:HEADLIGHTS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 166,196

## **Problem Description:**

Ford Motor Company (Ford) is recalling certain 2018-2020 F-150 trucks equipped with high series LED headlamps with Autolamp (On/Off) functionality. The Daytime Running Lamps (DRL) may remain activated instead of dimming to parking lamps when the Master Lighting Switch (MLS) is manually rotated from the "Autolamps" switch position to "Headlamps On." As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 108, "Lamps, Reflective Devices and Associated Equipment."

## **Consequence:**

DRL that cannot dim may reduce the visibility of other drivers, increasing the risk of a crash.

## **Remedy:**

Ford will notify owners, and dealers will reprogram the body control module, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin March 9, 2020. Owners may contact Ford customer service at 1-866-436-7332. Ford's number for this recall is 20C03.

## 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.

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Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

We have received Ford's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

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 DeMara Magruder who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-8538, or by email at demara.magruder@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Joshua Neff Chief, Recall Management Division Office of Defects Investigations Enforcement

