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TO: All U.S. Ford and Lincoln Dealers

SUBJECT: NEW VEHICLE DEMONSTRATION / DELIVERY HOLD - Advance Notice – Safety Recall 22S73

Certain 2021-2023 Model Year Bronco Sport and 2020-2023 Model Year Escape Vehicles with a 3-cylinder 1.5L Engine

PCM Programming and Drain Tube Installation

AFFECTED VEHICLES

Vehicle	Model Year	Assembly Plant	Build Dates
Bronco Sport	2021	HERMOSILLO	February 5, 2020 through November 17, 2021
	2022		June 9, 2021 through October 17, 2022
	2023		June 14, 2022 through August 12, 2022
ESCAPE	2020	LOUISVILLE	November 19, 2018 through December 22, 2020
	2021		August 26, 2020 through December 3, 2021
	2022		August 16, 2021 through October 17, 2022
	2023		April 29, 2022 through September 22, 2022

Affected vehicles are identified in OASIS and FSA VIN Lists.

REASON FOR THIS SAFETY RECALL

In some of the affected vehicles when the engine is operating, it's possible for one or more high pressure fuel injectors to develop a crack which could cause fuel and/or fuel vapor to accumulate near hot surfaces, resulting in a potential under hood fire and increasing the risk of injury.

SERVICE ACTION

DO NOT DEMONSTRATE OR DELIVER any new in-stock vehicles involved in this safety recall. A complete Dealer Bulletin will be made available to dealers by the end of 1st quarter, 2023 when it is anticipated that parts ordering information and repair instructions will be available to support this safety recall.

IMPORTANT: Dealers should open a Repair Order (RO) only when a full dealer bulletin is published. Opening an RO against an Awareness or Advance Notice will result in warranty rejections against a recall.

CUSTOMER NOTIFICATION

Owners of record will be notified via first-class mail after repair instructions and parts ordering information have been provided to dealers.

Additionally, customer effected by this safety program will receive fuel injector extended coverage, which will be communicated in a separate announcement.

RENTAL VEHICLES

Ford <u>has not</u> issued instructions to stop driving vehicles under this safety recall. However, if a customer contacts your dealership requesting a rental/loaner prior to recall remedy availability, please contact the SSSC for further direction.

PLEASE NOTE:

Federal law requires dealers to complete this recall service before a new vehicle is delivered to the buyer or lessee. Violation of this requirement by a dealer could result in a civil penalty of up to \$21,000 per vehicle. Correct all vehicles in your new vehicle inventory prior to delivery.

DEALER-OPERATED RENTAL VEHICLES

The Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act law effective June 2016 prohibits a rental company from selling, renting or leasing vehicles subject to a safety or compliance recall. Please consult your legal counsel for legal advice.

QUESTIONS & ASSISTANCE

For questions and assistance, contact the Special Service Support Center (SSSC) via the SSSC Web Contact Site. The SSSC Web Contact Site can be accessed through the Professional Technician System (PTS) website using the SSSC link listed at the bottom of the OASIS VIN report screen or listed under the SSSC tab.

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