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## TO: All U.S. Ford and Lincoln Dealers

# SUBJECT: NEW VEHICLE DEMONSTRATION / DELIVERY HOLD - Advance Notice Compliance Recall 23C24

Certain 2023 Model Year F53/F59 Stripped Chassis SDLC Module Waterlogged during Engine Rework

### AFFECTED VEHICLES

Vehicle	Model Year	Assembly Plant	Build Dates
F53/F59 Stripped Chassis	2023	Detroit Chassis	July 14, 2022 through March 29, 2023.

US population of affected vehicles: 5,558. Affected vehicles are identified in OASIS and FSA VIN Lists.

### **REASON FOR THIS COMPLIANCE RECALL**

Some of the affected vehicles may not conform to the requirements specified by Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 101, Controls and Displays, and FMVSS No. 105, Hydraulic and Electric Brake Systems. Affected vehicles have Smart Data Link Connector modules that may have been exposed to moisture, potentially leading to corrosion in the module, connector, and wire harness. The resulting corrosion may interfere with the vehicle's Controller Area Network (CAN) communication. As a result, the Instrument Panel Cluster may be inoperative when installed by the vehicle upfitter or another vehicle modifier. An inoperative Instrument Panel Cluster does not provide safety-related information to the driver and increases the risk of a crash.

# SERVICE ACTION

DO NOT DEMONSTRATE OR DELIVER any new in-stock vehicles involved in this compliance recall. A complete Dealer Bulletin will be provided to dealers in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter when it is anticipated that parts ordering information and repair instructions will be available to support this compliance 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.

### 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 \$26,315 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.

Sincerely,

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