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

SUBJECT: NEW VEHICLE DEMONSTRATION / DELIVERY HOLD

**Advance Notice - Safety Recall 24S17** 

Certain 2024 Maverick Vehicles Maverick Fuel Tank Pinch Leak

# **AFFECTED VEHICLES**

Vehicle	Model Year	Assembly Plant	Build Dates
Maverick	2024	Hermosillo	January 19, 2024 through January 26, 2024

US population of affected vehicles: 217. Affected vehicles are identified in OASIS and FSA VIN Lists.

## **REASON FOR THIS SAFETY RECALL**

In all of the affected vehicles, the fuel tank may have been manufactured with an open fuel tank pinch joint which can lead to a liquid or fuel vapor leak. Customers may notice fuel leaking onto the ground or smell fuel if a leak is present. Additionally, the evaporative emissions monitor may illuminate the malfunction indicator light in the cluster. A leaking fuel tank increases the risk of fire.

# **SERVICE ACTION**

DO NOT DEMONSTRATE OR DELIVER any new in-stock vehicles involved in this safety recall. A complete Dealer Bulletin will be provided to dealers the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2024 when it is anticipated that parts ordering information and repair instructions will be available to support this safety recall. For new vehicle storage guidelines, refer to EFC13033, Storage Guidelines for New Vehicles.

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 \$27,168 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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