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TO: All U.S. Ford and Lincoln Dealers

SUBJECT: NEW VEHICLE DEMONSTRATION / DELIVERY HOLD Safety Recall 24S20 Certain 2023 Model Year Maverick & Bronco Sport Vehicles Michelin Mis-Built Tires

AFFECTED VEHICLES

Vehicle	Model Year	Assembly Plant	Build Dates
Maverick	2023	Hermosillo	October 5, 2023 through October 10, 2023
Bronco Sport	2023	Hermosillo	October 5, 2023 through October 11, 2023

US population of affected vehicles: 114. Affected vehicles are identified in OASIS and FSA VIN Lists.

Note: Some vehicles may be in the process of being repaired at the plant. Monitor OASIS before opening an RO and/or beginning a repair. Parts purchased for an FSA can be returned for credit if required. See the EXCESS STOCK RETURN details in Labor Allowances and Parts Ordering Information for more information.

REASON FOR THIS SAFETY RECALL

In all of the affected vehicles, it may be possible that one or more of the tires were mis-built with a hybrid cap made of aramid and nylon instead of an all-nylon composition, resulting in a tire with increased cornering stiffness. Given the random manner in which these tires were fitted to vehicles during manufacturing, there is a possibility of various combinations these tires may present on a single vehicle – ranging from all four tires being affected to just one. A high variation in cornering stiffness amongst a vehicle's tires can result in a degradation in vehicle handling during evasive traffic maneuvers, resulting in a potential loss of vehicle control which increases the risk of a crash.

SERVICE ACTION

Dealers are to inspect tires and check the tire label serial number. If the serial number matches a suspect tire or the serial number cannot be read, the tire(s) will be replaced free of charge (parts and labor). This service must be performed on all affected vehicles at no charge to the vehicle owner.

Near, but not over the DOT code or mold number, render <u>all suspect</u> removed tire(s) unserviceable by cutting one sidewall circumferentially a minimum of 6 inches in length, cutting the bead with bolt cutters or drilling a one-inch diameter hole through the sidewall. The DOT code must be readable after disabling the tire. Refer to the Technical Instructions for further detail regarding Tire Disabling and Tire Return. Submit a photo to the SSSC of the unserviceable tire.

To assist vehicle owners to have this repair completed when parts are available, dealers should:

- Arrange to pick up the owner's vehicle and drive it to the dealership for repairs.
 - Re-deliver the owner's vehicle after repairs have been completed.

OWNER NOTIFICATION MAILING SCHEDULE

Owner letters are expected to be mailed the week of April 1, 2024. Dealers should repair any affected vehicles that arrive at their dealerships, whether or not the customer has received a letter.

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 before delivery.

ATTACHMENTS

- Administrative Information
- Labor Allowances and Parts Ordering Information
- Technical Instructions
- Mobile Service Repair Assessment
- Mobile Repair/Vehicle Pick-Up & Delivery Record
- Owner Notification Letters
- Recall Reimbursement Plan

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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MOBILE SERVICE REPAIR ASSESSMENT LEVEL

All repairs in this program have the following assessment level.
Not a Mobile Service Repair

OASIS ACTIVATION

OASIS will be activated on March 25, 2024.

FSA VIN LISTS ACTIVATION

FSA VIN Lists will be available through <u>https://web.fsavinlists.dealerconnection.com</u> by March 25, 2024. Owner names and addresses will be available by April 15, 2024.

NOTE: Your FSA VIN Lists may contain owner names and addresses obtained from motor vehicle registration records. The use of such motor vehicle registration data for any purpose other than in connection with this recall is a violation of law in several states, provinces, and countries. Accordingly, you must limit the use of this listing to the follow-up necessary to complete this recall.

SOLD VEHICLES

- Ford has not issued instructions to stop selling/delivering or driving used vehicles under this safety recall. Owners should contact their dealers for an appointment to have their vehicles remedied as soon as practicable. Immediately contact any of your affected customers whose vehicles are not on your VIN list but are identified in OASIS. Give the customer a copy of the Owner Notification Letter (when available) and schedule a service date.
- Correct other affected vehicles identified in OASIS which are brought to your dealership.
- Dealers are to prioritize repairs of customer vehicles over repairs of new and used vehicle inventory.

STOCK VEHICLES

• Correct all affected units in your new vehicle inventory before 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.

BRANDED / SALVAGED TITLE VEHICLES

Affected branded / salvaged title vehicles are eligible for this recall.

OWNER REFUNDS

- This safety recall must still be performed, even if the owner has paid for a previous repair. Claiming a refund will not close the recall on the vehicle.
- Ford Motor Company is offering a refund for owner-paid repairs covered by this recall if the repair was performed before the date indicated in the reimbursement plan, which is posted with this bulletin. Owners are directed to seek reimbursement through authorized dealers or, at their option, directly through Ford Motor Company at PO Box 6251, Dearborn, MI 48121-6251.
- Dealers are also pre-approved to refund owner-paid <u>emergency</u> repairs that were performed away from an authorized servicing dealer after the end date specified in the reimbursement plan. Non-covered repairs, or those judged by Ford to be excessive, will not be reimbursed.

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• Refunds will only be provided for the cost associated with tire inspections and tire replacement.

RENTAL VEHICLES

Rental vehicles are not approved for this program.

PICK-UP & DELIVERY- Participating Dealers

Dealers participating in the Remote Experience Program:

• Ford Dealers - Refer to EFC14125, 2024 Remote Experience Program, Pick-Up & Delivery Offset section for additional details.

PICK-UP & DELIVERY- Non-participating Dealers

Ford Dealers not participating in the 2024 Remote Experience Program for Pick-Up & Delivery are authorized to claim unique services for completing this program.

- Dealers are authorized to claim one-half labor hour per repair for vehicle Pick-Up & Delivery services. Refer to Labor Allowances for details.
- Dealers must retain a Vehicle Pick-Up & Delivery Record with the repair order documentation.

REPAIR PHOTO SUBMISSION

Ford has requested photo evidence prior to performing the repair for this FSA.

- The SSSC must provide approval prior to performing the repair.
- Contact the SSSC and upload the necessary photo or copy of documentation as an attachment for review.
- Upon approval, the SSSC will provide an approval code that must be used for claiming.

ADDITIONAL REPAIR (LABOR TIME AND/OR PARTS)

Additional repairs identified as necessary to complete the FSA should be managed as follows:

- For related damage and access time requirements, refer to the Warranty and Policy Manual / Section 6 – Ford & Lincoln Program Policies / General Information & Special Circumstances for FSAs / Related Damage.
- For vehicles within new vehicle bumper-to-bumper warranty coverage, no SSSC approval is required, although related damage must be on a separate repair line with the "Related Damage" radio button checked.
 - Ford vehicles 3 years or 36,000 miles

CLAIMS PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION

- **Claim Entry**: Enter claims using Dealer Management System (DMS) or One Warranty Solution (OWS) online.
 - When entering claims, select claim type 31: Field Service Action. The FSA number 24S20 is the subcode.
 - For additional claims preparation and submission information, refer to the Recall and Customer Satisfaction Program (CSP) Repairs in the OWS User Guide.
- **Related Damage/Additional labor and/or parts**: Must be claimed as Related Damage on a separate repair line from the FSA with the same claim type and subcode as described in Claim Entry above.

IMPORTANT: Click the Related Damage Indicator radio button.

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- **Refunds:** Submit refunds on a separate repair line.
 - Program Code: 24S20 Misc. Expense: ADMIN
 - Misc. Expense: REFUND Misc. Expense: 0.2 Hrs.
 - Multiple refunds should be submitted on one repair line and the invoice details for each repair should be detailed in the comments section of the claim.

• Pick-Up & Delivery:

- o Dealers participating in the Remote Experience Program -
 - Refer to EFC14125, 2024 Remote Experience Program, Pick-Up & Delivery (PDL) Offset section for additional details.
- o Dealers NOT participating in the Remote Experience Program -
 - Dealers may claim one-half labor hour per repair for vehicle Pick-Up & Delivery services.
 - Dealers must retain a Vehicle Pick-Up & Delivery Record with the repair order documentation.

• Provision for Tire Disposal:

- Dealers are authorized to claim up to a maximum value of \$5 per tire for tire disposal for completing this program.
 - Program Code: 24S20
 - Misc. Expense: OTHER
 - Misc. Expense: Claim up to \$5 per tire

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LABOR ALLOWANCES

Description	Labor Operation	Labor Time
Remove all four wheels; mark tire orientation to rim; break both beads and check label; inflate tires (do not balance) and install on vehicle – PASS INSPECTION	24S20A	0.5 Hours
Remove all four wheels; mark tire orientation to rim; break both beads and check label; inflate tires (do not balance) and install on vehicle – FAILED INSPECTION		
- CONTACT SSSC FOR LABOR OPERATION CODES SPECIFIC TO YOUR REPAIR.	24S20AA	0.5 Hours
Note: This assumes if any of the tires fails, they will put the vehicle back together until replacement tires arrive.		
Vehicle Pick-Up & Delivery Allowance:		
This allowance is only for <u>non-eligible</u> 2024 Remote Experience Program Dealers. NOTE: This allowance is for dealer-performed vehicle Pick- Up & Delivery for dealership repairs only. Can only be claimed once, regardless of outstanding FSAs repaired.	24S20PP	0.5 Hours
Time allowed to submit photos.	24S20ZZ	0.2 Hours

PARTS REQUIREMENTS / ORDERING INFORMATION

Part Number	Description	Order Quantity	Claim Quantity
9004-20522-MCHE	TIRE (the part number prefix contains O's not zero's)	AS NEEDED	AS NEEDED

Order your parts through normal order processing channels. To guarantee the shortest delivery time, an emergency order for parts must be placed.

DEALER PRICE

For the latest prices, refer to DOES II.

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PARTS RETENTION, RETURN, & SCRAPPING

Follow the provisions of the Warranty and Policy Manual, Section 1 - WARRANTY PARTS RETENTION AND RETURN POLICIES. If a replaced part receives a scrap disposition, the part must be scrapped by all applicable local, state, and federal environmental protection and hazardous material regulations. Federal law prohibits selling motor vehicle parts or components that are under safety, compliance, or emissions recall.

EXCESS STOCK RETURN

The excess stock returned for credit must have been purchased from Ford Customer Service Division by Policy Procedure Bulletin 4000.

REPLACED FSA PARTS INSPECTION AND SIGN OFF

Effective March 1^{st,} 2021, all parts replaced as part of an FSA repair with a repair order open date of March 1^{st,} 2021, or later must be inspected and signed off on the repair order by a member of your dealer fixed operations management team or an employee of the task has been delegated to. If the task is to be delegated to a non-management employee, the employee needs to be someone other than the technician who completed the repair and needs to understand the importance of completing this task consistently and accurately.

- All parts replaced as part of an FSA repair should be returned to the parts department following the Warranty Parts Retention and Return Policies.
- Inspect the replaced parts to verify the FSA repair was completed.
- If the FSA repair is found to be complete, the designated employee signs the repair order line or parts return stamp area (electronic or hand signed) for the FSA repair indicating the parts were inspected and validated to have been replaced.
- After the parts have been inspected, they should be handled based on the guidance in the parts status report in the Online Warranty System (Hold, Return, CORE, Scrap, etc.). Please visit FMCDEALER > PARTS & SERVICE > WARRANTY ADMINISTRATION & WARRANTY PARTS RETURN for the latest <u>Immediate Scrap List</u> information.
- This process is subject to review during warranty audits for FSA repairs with a repair order open date of March 1^{st,} 2021, or later. Any eligible FSA claims requiring parts replacement found not to have been inspected and signed off during a warranty audit will be subject to chargeback and consideration for enrollment into the Dealer Incomplete Recall Repair Process.

Note: Other approvals (electronic or handwritten) for add-on repair lines, dealer-owned vehicle repairs, and repeat repairs do not qualify as FSA parts inspection approvals. The post-repair FSA parts inspection process (electronic or handwritten) is independent of other warranty approval requirements. The approval by the designated employee implies that the FSA parts were found to be replaced and must be able to be identified on the Repair Order. If multiple FSAs require approval on a single Repair Order, each applicable occurrence will require individual post-repair approval by the designated employee.

CERTAIN 2023-2024 MODEL YEAR BRONCO SPORT AND MAVERICK VEHICLES — TIRE SERIAL NUMBER BAR CODE LABEL INSPECTION

SERVICE PROCEDURE

- 1. Remove all four (4) wheels and tires from the vehicle. Follow the Workshop Manual (WSM) procedures in Section 204-04.
- 2. Mark the orientation of each tire to wheel before continuing to the next step, to avoid having to balance the wheels and tires.
- 3. Break the inner and outer bead on all four (4) wheels and tires. <u>Do Not</u> remove the tire from the wheel at this time. Follow the WSM procedures in Section 204-04A Disassembly and Assembly.
- 4. Inspect for the tire serial number bar code label, on the bead sealing surface, of each tire. Does the label have one of the following bar codes? AK710533, AK710543, AK710526, AK710536, AK710551, AK710561, or AK710562. See Figure 1.
 - Yes Mark the tire(s) as <u>DO NOT USE</u> and mount the tire(s) back on the wheels and install the wheels and tires on the vehicle, until the *new* tire(s) arrive. Once the *new* tire(s) arrive, refer to the **Tire Disabling, Tire Return and Photo Submission Requirements** on Page 2. Follow the WSM procedures in Section 204-04 for tire replacement and installation.
 - **No** Align the tire and wheel orientation lines, inflate the tires to specifications, and assemble back the tires and install the wheels and tires on the vehicle. Follow the WSM procedures in Section 204-04. Recall complete.



FIGURE 1



TIRE DISABLING, TIRE RETURN AND PHOTO SUBMISSION REQUIREMENT

- **NOTE:** The tire disablement must take place near the DOT and mold numbers so it can be captured in the photo evidence. The DOT code and mold number must be readable after disabling the tire.
- 1. <u>ALL</u> suspect tires removed from vehicles must immediately be made unusable by one of the following methods: cutting one sidewall circumferentially at a minimum of six (6) inches (152.4 mm) in length, cutting the bead with bolt cutters or drilling a one (1) inch (25.4 mm) diameter hole through the sidewall. DO NOT CUT THROUGH OR DRILL THE DOT CODE OR THROUGH THE MOLD NUMBER.

Special Tire Handling Information

- Rendering the DOT code and/or mold number unreadable will subject that tire to be charged back to the dealer.
- 2. Submit clear photo(s) of <u>ALL</u> the disabled tire(s) to the Special Service Support Center (SSSC).
 - The photo(s) must clearly demonstrate the disablement near the DOT code and mold numbers in the same photo.
- 3. Dispose of tire(s) in compliance with your local laws.
- IMPORTANT NOTE: Federal law prohibits selling motor vehicle parts or components that are under safety, compliance, or emissions recall. Unless a part is requested to be returned to Ford, all parts replaced under this FSA must be scrapped in accordance with all applicable local, state and federal environmental protection and hazardous material regulations. Refer to the Parts Retention, Return, & Scrapping section of the FSA dealer bulletin for further information.



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Mobile Service Repair Assessment

Assessment levels have been identified to help determine the ease of performing eligible mobile service repairs for a Field Service Action (FSA) outside of the dealership service facility.

Dealer Bulletin

Within the Administrative Information Attachment of the dealer bulletin a mobile service repair assessment level(s) will be provided. These assessment levels have been determined using the amount of time, equipment and labor identified to perform the intended service action.

Assessment Levels

- Mobile Reprogramming
- Light Mobile Service
- Inhanced Mobile Service
- Advanced Mobile Service
- 🕲 Wheel and Tire Mobile Service
- Service Repair

Description of each level that is used to determine the overall assessment.

- Mobile Reprogramming
 - Module Programming or similar type services
 - Minimum tools maybe required other than an IDS/FDRS setup
 - FDRS programming that requires internet connection (wi-fi or mobile hotspot)
 - Make sure vehicle has a charge port to ensure battery voltage is maintained during flashing of the module(s)
 - Repairs not greater than 1 hour in length (including time to wait for programming) *Note: The location will need a charging station or wall box to maintain the 12-volt battery.*

Light Mobile Service

- Interior repair procedures that do not require seat, dash, or headliner removal
- Under hood repairs that do not require large component removal
- Exterior repairs that do not require large component/panel removal
- Repairs may require standard hand tools (Access to a Technician starter kit or similar)

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- Enhanced Mobile Service

- A two-person process is required anytime a procedure requires work under the vehicle
- Brake Inspection and Brake Repair/Replacement
- Limited Suspension Component replacement (no alignment)
- Under Vehicle access for limited repairs (no large component removal)
- Vehicle Check Up VCU
- Pre-Delivery Inspection PDI
- Used Car Inspection/Presale Inspection
- May require floor jack, jack stands, and impact tools

Note: Wheel lock may be required.

- Advanced Mobile Service

- Fluid Exchange/Oil Change
- Light Repairs
- Brake Hydraulic Repairs

- Tire Removal from Wheel
- Tire Balancing
- Tire Repair

Note: Specialized Mobile Service unit and equipment including Tire balancer and Tire Changer required.

Not a Mobile Service Repair

- Large component removal
- BEV Battery Replacement
- Requires a vehicle hoist to complete the repair (more than inspection)
- Required vehicle alignment
- Requires significant vehicle disassembly
- Repairs greater than 2-3 hours
- Any repairs that require M-Time
- Includes a service procedure where the vehicle owner may be distressed about the state of their vehicle

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Mobile Repair / Vehicle Pick-Up and Delivery Record

VIN re		re	ceived (check one):					
	□ Mobile Repair							
	□ Pick-up and/or delivery service							
As outlined below for the 24S20 Field Service Action program.								
Mobile Repair – Date:								
			OR					
	Pick-up	– Date:						
	Delivery	– Date:						
Repai	r Order #		Repair Order Date					
Servic	e Manager Sig	gnature	Date					

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Ford Motor Company Recall Reimbursement Plan for 24S20

Ford and Lincoln dealers are in the best position to quickly and efficiently process reimbursement requests. However, federal legislation requires all motor vehicle manufacturers to establish processes through which customers may seek recall reimbursement directly from the manufacturer or the dealers.

Regarding the specific reimbursement plan for Recall #24S20, owners who have paid for service to remedy the defect or noncompliance must have had that service performed before April 19, 2024. After this date, if repairs related to this recall are performed by a non-Ford repair facility in an emergency, customers must submit any refund requests through their dealership. As required by this federal regulation, Ford Motor Company submitted the details of its latest General Recall Reimbursement Plan in a letter to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) in May 2021. The following is the text of that letter and the Plan:

General Recall Reimbursement Plan

(As submitted to the NHTSA)

Pursuant to the requirements set forth in 49 CFR Part 573 and Part 577 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Ford Motor Company (Ford) is submitting required information pertaining to our general reimbursement plan for the cost of remedies paid for by vehicle owners before they are notified of a related safety recall.

Set forth below is Ford's general plan to reimburse owners and purchasers for costs incurred for remedies in advance of notification of potential safety-related defects or noncompliances pursuant to Part 573.6 (c)(8)(i). This plan has not changed since our May 5, 2021 submission.

Reimbursement Notification

Ford's notice to a vehicle owner in accordance with 49 CFR Part 577 will indicate that Ford is offering a refund if the owner paid to have service to remedy the defect or noncompliance prior to a specified ending date. In accordance with Part 573.13 (c)(2), this ending date will be defined as a minimum of ten calendar days after the date on which Ford mailed the last of its Part 577 notifications to owners and will be indicated in the specific reimbursement plan available to owners for an individual recall. This notice will direct owners to seek eligible reimbursement through authorized dealers or, at their option, directly through Ford at the following address:

Ford Motor Company P.O. Box 6251 Dearborn, MI 48121-6251

Ford notes that this rule allows for the identification of a beginning date for reimbursement eligibility. Under the rule, an owner who paid to remedy the defect or noncompliance prior to the identified beginning date would not be eligible for reimbursement. Ford generally has not established such a beginning date for reimbursement eligibility and does not presently anticipate changing this general policy. However, in any case where Ford determines a beginning date is appropriate, Ford will indicate that date in the owner notice. As permitted by 577.11(e), Ford may not include a reimbursement notification when all vehicles are well within the warranty period, subject to approval by the Agency.

Costs to be Reimbursed

For vehicles, reimbursement will not be less than the lesser of:

- The amount paid by the owner for the remedy that specifically addressed and was reasonably necessary to correct the defect or noncompliance that is the subject of the recall, or
- The cost of parts for the remedy (to be no more than the manufacturer's list retail price for authorized part(s), plus associated labor at local labor rates, miscellaneous fees (such as disposal of waste) and taxes.

For replacement equipment, reimbursement will be the amount paid by the owner for the replacement item (limited by the amount of the retail list price of the defective or noncompliant item that was replaced, plus taxes, where the brand or model purchased by the owner was different than the brand or model that was the subject of the recall). If the item of motor vehicle equipment was repaired, the reimbursement provisions identified above for vehicles will apply.

Ford notes that costs incurred by the owner within the period during which Ford's original or extended warranty would have provided for a free repair of the problem will not be eligible for reimbursement, as provided by Part 573.13 (d)(1).

Entities Authorized to Provide Reimbursement

Ford will continue to use authorized dealers to reimburse owners under the specific reimbursement plans for a particular recall and will encourage owners to pursue requests for reimbursement directly through dealers to expedite reimbursement. Ford will also provide a mailing address to which customers can, at their option, send requests for reimbursement directly to Ford, as previously noted. Requests for reimbursement sent directly to Ford may take up to 60 days to process. Whether the owner chooses to pursue reimbursement requests through a dealer or directly through Ford, the owner will be directed to submit the required documentation, upon which reimbursement eligibility will be determined.

Required Documentation

The reimbursement determination will depend upon the information provided by the customer. Consistent with Part 573.13 (d)(4) the following information must be submitted:

- Claimant name and address
- Vehicle make, model and model year
- Vehicle identification number (VIN) and, for replacement equipment, a description of such equipment or, for tires, the model, size and TIN (DOT code)
- Identification of the recall number (either the Ford recall number or the NHTSA recall number)
- Identification of the owner of the recalled vehicle at the time that the pre-notification remedy was obtained
- An original receipt for the pre-notification remedy that includes a breakdown of the amount for parts, labor, other costs and taxes, including costs for the replacement item. Where the receipt covers work other than to address the recall or noncompliance, Ford may require the claimant to separately identify costs that are eligible for reimbursement.
- If the remedy was obtained during the warranty repair did not correct the problem related to the recall

Failure to submit all the above information may result in denial of the reimbursement request.

Additional Information

The Part 577 required owner notice will provide a toll-free telephone number through which specific information about the reimbursement plan can be requested from Ford. This general reimbursement plan will be incorporated into notifications pursuant to Part 573.6 by reference. Information specific to an individual recall also may be incorporated into the Part 573.6 notification.