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June 3, 2024

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

#### SUBJECT: NEW VEHICLE DEMONSTRATION / DELIVERY HOLD-Safety Recall 24S36 Certain 2024 Model Year Mustang Vehicles Inspect manual transmission line

#### AFFECTED VEHICLES

Vehicle	Model Year	Assembly Plant	Build Dates
MUSTANG	2024	Flat Rock	September 27, 2022 through May 23, 2024

US population of affected vehicles: 8,122. Affected vehicles are identified in OASIS and FSA VIN Lists.

### **REASON FOR THIS SAFETY RECALL**

In some of the affected vehicles, a hydraulic clutch line may not be properly retained to a locating stud on the dash panel. A line with improper retention may contact hot exhaust components and melt, leaking hydraulic fluid. A leaking clutch pressure line will not impact the volume of brake fluid in the brake system, so customers will not observe an impact to brake function. However, this condition can impact the brake fluid supply in the clutch and can result in an inability to change gears. Depending on the vehicle speed and gear, your engine may stall. A loss of motive power increases the risk of a crash. If leaked hydraulic fluid accumulates near a sufficiently hot surface, you may observe smoke and possibly experience an under-hood fire. An under-hood fire increases the risk of injury.

#### SERVICE ACTION

DO NOT DEMONSTRATE OR DELIVER any new in-stock vehicles involved in this recall. Before demonstrating or delivering any new in-stock vehicles involved in this recall, <u>dealers are to inspect the clutch line to ensure it is connected to the stud on the dash panel wall</u>. This service must be performed on all affected vehicles at no charge to the vehicle owner. <u>If the inspection determines that the clutch line needs to be replaced, vehicles are not to be driven until new parts are available</u>. Owners should be offered a rental if parts are not available.

This service must be performed on all affected vehicles at no charge to the vehicle owner. For new vehicle storage guidelines, refer to EFC13033, Storage Guidelines for New Vehicles.

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 (rentals are authorized if clutch line replacement is required see Rental Vehicles)
  - Re-deliver the owner's vehicle after repairs have been completed.
- Pick-Up & Delivery should be made available for all customers. Refer to the Rental and Claiming sections for further details.

# **OWNER NOTIFICATION MAILING SCHEDULE**

Owner letters are expected to be mailed the week of June 17, 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
- 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,

Dan Wilyard

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### MOBILE SERVICE REPAIR ASSESSMENT LEVEL

- Not a Mobile Service Repair

#### **OASIS ACTIVATION**

OASIS will be activated on June 3, 2024

#### **FSA VIN LISTS ACTIVATION**

FSA VIN Lists will be available through <u>https://web.fsavinlists.dealerconnection.com</u> on June 3, 2024. Owner names and addresses will be available by July 12, 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.
- Use OASIS to identify any affected vehicles in your used vehicle inventory.

#### 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.
- Refunds will only be provided for the cost associated with inspection and/or replacement of the clutch line.

### **RENTAL VEHICLES**

The anticipated need for replacement parts is low, so an inspection and correction of a mis-installed clutch line should close the FSA for most customers. However, if you have a unique owner circumstance described in this recall that may require a rental vehicle, please contact the SSSC via the SSSC Web Contact Site.

#### 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.

### **ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION**

If a customer is unable or does not wish to rent a vehicle but still requires transportation, the rental reimbursement allowance can be used for alternative transportation. Alternative transportation is approved for \$100 per day for both Ford and Lincoln customers. The dollar-per-day allowance can be cumulative across multiple rides per day (e.g. ride to work \$20 and ride home \$24).

- Alternative transportation reimbursement can be claimed for both short-term and long-term scenarios.
- Any amount over the cost-per-day limits will be the customer's responsibility.
- The customer will need to pay upfront and provide proof of payment to the dealer.
- Dealers will then need to submit for reimbursement following the Rental Vehicle Reimbursement Process and then refund the customer.

Examples of alternative transportation:

- Taxi
- Public Transportation Subway, Train, or Bus
- Rideshare alternatives (Uber, Lyft, etc.)

# 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
- For vehicles outside new vehicle bumper-to-bumper warranty coverage, submit an Approval Request to the SSSC Web Contact Site before completing the repair.

### **CLAIMS PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION**

- **Technician Competency Requirement:** The STST Competency 10 certification requirement in the U.S. market only will be enforced starting with repair orders opened on or after April 1, 2024. FSA repairs will reject if the repairing technician is not certified in STST Competency 10 FSA. See EFC14251 for more details.
- **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 **24S36** 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.

- **Rentals:** For rental vehicle claiming, follow Extended Service Plan (ESP) guidelines for dollar amounts. Enter the total amount of the rental expense under the Miscellaneous Expense code RENTAL.
- **Refunds:** Submit refunds on a separate repair line.
  - Program Code: 24S36 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.
- Additional parts not listed in the parts section: Additional parts such as spring clips may be submitted on the same repair line on which the FSA is claimed. Additional parts totaling more than \$100 requires prior approval from the SSSC.

### LABOR ALLOWANCES

Description	Labor Operation	Labor Time
Inspect for disconnected or partially connected clutch line and re-install (damage not present)	24S36A	0.3 Hours
Inspect clutch line (damage present) Replace clutch line, includes time to bleed the clutch system.	24S36B	0.7 Hours
Vehicle Pick-Up & Delivery Allowance: <b>This allowance is only for <u>non-eligible</u> 2024 Remote Experience Program Dealers. NOTE:</b> This allowance is for dealer-performed vehicle Pick- Up & Delivery for dealership repairs only. Can only be claimed once, regardless of outstanding FSAs repaired.	24S36PP	0.5 Hours

### PARTS REQUIREMENTS / ORDERING INFORMATION

To place an order for the part below, submit a VIN-specific Part Order contact via the SSSC Web Contact Site.

Service Part Number	Claim Quantity	Package Order Quantity	Number in Package	Description
PR3Z-7A512-A	1 as req'd	1	1	Master cylinder tube assy. (MT82)
PR3Z-7A512-E	1 as req'd	1	1	Master cylinder tube assy. (Tremec 3160)

Less than 1% of the affected vehicle population is expected to require PR3Z-7A543-A replacement (source of a spring clip, possible related damage/loss). Contact the SSSC for this part as well.

Dealers will be notified via a DOES II communication if circumstances warrant a change in part supply strategy and when open ordering resumes.

#### DEALER PRICE

For the latest prices, refer to DOES II.

# 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.

Labor Allowances and Parts Ordering Information

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#### **REPLACED FSA PARTS INSPECTION AND SIGN OFF**

Effective March 1<sup>st,</sup> 2021, all parts replaced as part of an FSA repair with a repair order open date of March 1<sup>st,</sup> 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<sup>st,</sup> 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.

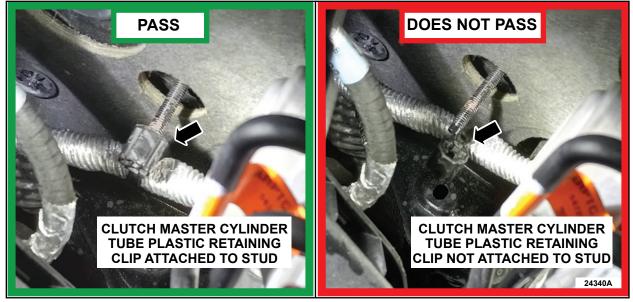
# CERTAIN 2024 MODEL YEAR MUSTANG VEHICLES EQUIPPED WITH A MANUAL TRANSMISSION — CLUTCH MASTER CYLINDER HYDRAULIC TUBE INSPECTION

### **INSPECTION PROCEDURE**

- IMPORTANT! The Service Technician Specialty Training (STST) Competency 10 certification requirement, for U.S. market only, will be enforced starting with repair orders opened on or after April 1, 2024. Field Service Action (FSA) repairs will reject if the repairing technician is not certified in STST Competency 10 FSA. See Electronic Field Communication (EFC) 14251 for more details.
- NOTE: If you do not have the special tools referenced in the Workshop Manual (WSM) to perform the FSA repair, please contact 1-800 ROTUNDA and choose option 3 to place an order.
- 1. Inspect the clutch master cylinder tube plastic retaining clip attached to the associated stud on the dash panel. Is the clutch master cylinder tube retaining clip attached to the stud? See Figures 1 and 2.

Yes - PASS - Continue to Step 2. No - DOES NOT PASS - Perform the Service Procedure on Page 3.

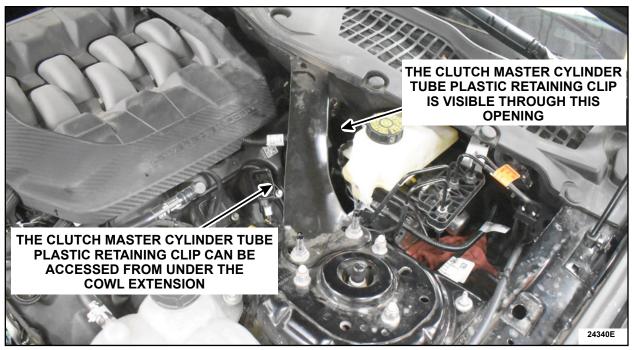
**NOTE:** Refer to Figure 2 for the clutch master cylinder tube plastic retaining clip visual and access locations.



**FIGURE 1** 



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**FIGURE 2** 

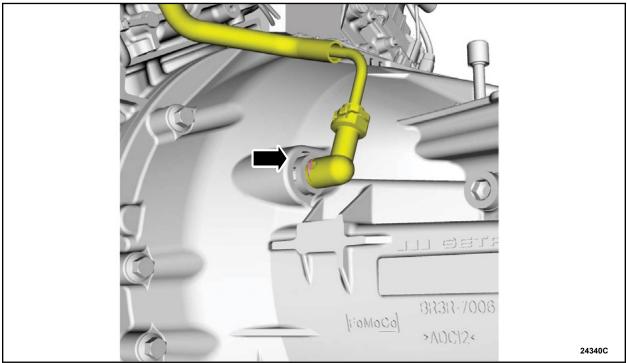
2. Push in slightly on the clutch master cylinder tube plastic retaining clip to ensure it is fully seated (the nut has a stop feature to prevent being pushed too far). Next by hand, attempt to remove the clutch master cylinder tube plastic retaining clip. Can the clutch master cylinder tube plastic retaining clip be removed from the associated stud by hand pressure?

**Yes** - Perform the Service Procedure on Page 3. **No** - No further action required. Recall complete.



# SERVICE PROCEDURE

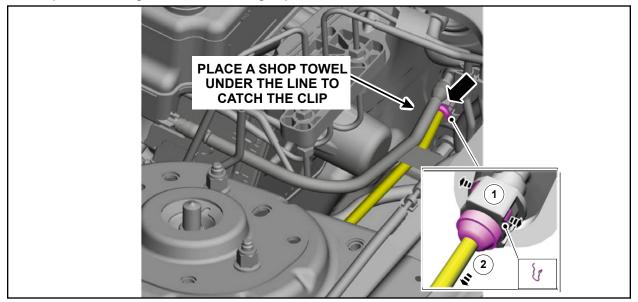
- NOTICE: Do not spill brake fluid on painted or plastic surfaces or damage to the surface may occur. If brake fluid is spilled onto a painted or plastic surface, immediately wash the surface with water.
- NOTE: If you do not have the special tools referenced in the Workshop Manual (WSM) to perform the FSA repair, please contact 1-800 ROTUNDA and choose option 3 to place an order.
- 1. With the vehicle in NEUTRAL, position it on a hoist. Follow the Workshop Manual (WSM) procedures in Section 100-02.
- 2. Remove the retainer and disconnect the clutch master cylinder tube from the clutch master cylinder from the backside of the transmission as shown in Figure 3.



**FIGURE 3** 

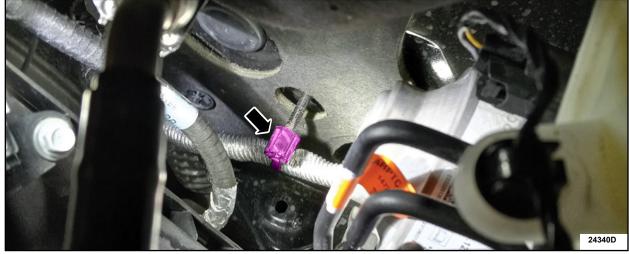


- 3. Remove the metal retainer clip and disconnect the clutch master cylinder tube from the clutch master cylinder. See Figure 4.
- NOTE: Place a shop towel under the clutch tube connection at the clutch master cylinder to prevent losing the metal retaining clip.



**FIGURE 4** 

4. If still attached, release the clutch master cylinder tube retaining clip from the firewall mounted stud. See Figure 5.



**FIGURE 5** 



- **NOTE:** In the next Step, pay close attention to how the clutch master cylinder tube is routed for installation purposes.
- 5. Remove the clutch master cylinder tube through the top of the engine bay.
- 6. Using care, position the *new* clutch master cylinder tube in the vehicle by reversing the removal routing process.
- 7. Connect the clutch master cylinder tube to the clutch master cylinder, ensuring that the metal retaining clip is pushed fully in its locked position. See Figure 4.
- 8. Connect the clutch master cylinder tube retaining clip to the firewall mounted stud. See Figure 5.
- 9. Connect the clutch master cylinder tube to the backside of the transmission. See Figure 3.
- 10. Fill and bleed the clutch hydraulic system. Follow the WSM procedures in Section 308-02.
- 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.



# NEW VEHICLE DEMONSTRATION / DELIVERY HOLD-

Safety Recall 24S36

Certain 2024 Model Year Mustang Vehicles Inspect manual transmission line

#### **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
- - Enhanced Mobile Service
- Advanced Mobile Service مر مر مر
- 🕲 Wheel and Tire Mobile Service
- <sup>I</sup>⊗- Not a Mobile 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

🙆 – Wheel and Tire Mobile Service

- Tire Removal from Wheel
- Tire Balancing
- Tire Repair

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

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

# Vehicle Pick-Up and Delivery Record Safety Recall 24S36

VIN	received:					
Pick-up and/or delivery service						
As outlined below for the 24S36 Field Service Action program.						
□ Pick-up – Date:						
□ Delivery – Date:						
Repair Order #	Repair Order Date					
Service Manager Signature	Date					

#### Ford Motor Company Recall Reimbursement Plan for 24S36

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 **#24S36**, owners who have paid for service to remedy the defect or noncompliance must have had that service performed before **June 30**, **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.