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TO: All U.S. Ford and Lincoln Dealers

SUBJECT: NEW VEHICLE DEMONSTRATION / DELIVERY HOLD - Advance Notice -

Safety Recall 24S46

Certain 2023-2024 Model Year Transit Trail Vehicles

Electric Power Assisted Steering (EPAS) Ground Cable Replacement

AFFECTED VEHICLES

Vehicle	Model Year	Assembly Plant	Build Dates
Transit Trail	2023-2024	Kansas City	March 15, 2022 through March 6, 2024

US population of affected vehicles: 1,902. Affected vehicles are identified in OASIS and FSA VIN Lists.

REASON FOR THIS SAFETY RECALL

On the affected vehicles, the Electric Power Assisted Steering (EPAS) ground cable eyelet's substrate is exposed to environmental conditions and is susceptible to corrosion. This may result in an intermittent or complete loss of power to the EPAS motor and Power Steering Control Module (PSCM). An intermittent or complete loss of power to the EPAS motor and PSCM may result in a loss of power steering assist, and may increase the risk of a crash.

SERVICE ACTION

DO NOT DEMONSTRATE OR DELIVER any new in-stock vehicles involved in this safety recall. <u>A</u> <u>complete Dealer Bulletin will be provided to dealers the 4th quarter 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.</u>

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,

Stacy L. Balzer