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Part 573 Safety Recall Report

25V689

Manufacturer Name: Ford Motor Company

Submission Date: Oct 10, 2025

NHTSA Recall No.: 25V689

Manufacturer Recall No.: 25C55

Manufacturer Information

Population

Manufacturer Name: Ford Motor Company

Address: 330 Town Center Drive
Suite 500
Dearborn MI, 48126-2738

Total number of potentially involved: 3

Estimated percentage with defect: 100%

Vehicle Information

Vehicle 1: 2021-2023 FORD MUSTANG

Product Category: Light Vehicles

Product Type: Passenger Car

Fuel / Propulsion:

Production Dates: Jun 23, 2021 - Feb 13, 2023

Number of potentially involved: 3

Descriptive Information:

The Ford process is capable of determining which software part numbers have been installed in production and service. The affected vehicles do not contain the remedy the Body Control Module (BCM) software for recall 23C35.

Information as to the applicability of this action to specific vehicles can best be obtained by either calling Ford's toll-free line (1-866-436-7332) or by contacting a local Ford or Lincoln dealer who can obtain specific information regarding the vehicles from the Ford On-line Automotive Service Information System (OASIS) database.

Defect / Noncompliance Description

Description of the defect or noncompliance:

According to Ford's records, certain 2021 to 2023 MY Mustang vehicles did not have the remedy for Safety Recall 23C35 / 23V-727 installed correctly, but was recorded as having the repair successfully completed. Because the correct software update remedy may not be installed on the vehicle, the underlying condition specified in Safety Recall 23C35 / 23V-727 may still exist, the brake fluid level sensor is not properly configured to activate the visual warning indicator when there is a reduction in brake fluid below the recommended level in the master cylinder brake fluid reservoir.

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FMVSS1: 135 - Light vehicle brake systems

FMVSS2:

Description of the safety risk, including crash, fire, death, injury:

The underlying safety risk specified in Safety Recall 23C35 / 23V-727 still exists on this specified vehicle. Ford described that safety risk as, "Customers will not receive a warning if there is a reduction in brake fluid below the recommended level in the master cylinder brake fluid reservoir which can increase the risk of a crash."

Description of the cause:

The dealer instructions to complete the recall instruct the technician to upload the latest software using the service tool, which downloads the latest software from Ford for installation on the vehicle. For these vehicles, the software tool did not upload the correct software to the vehicle.

Identification of any warning that can occur:

None

Component Manufacturer

Tier of Supplier:

Supplier Type: OEM

Name: Ford Motor Company

Address: 1 American Road
Dearborn MI, 48126

Country: United States

Involved Components

Component Name 1: Body Control Module

Component Description: Body Control Module

Component Part Number: LR3T-15604-A*

Chronology

On **November 26, 2024**, an issue pertaining to incomplete software recall remedies was brought to Ford's Critical Concern Group (CCRG) for review. This issue was initially identified in a Quality Office forum, where an audit was requested for software part numbers applied to vehicles remedied under a sample of field service actions (FSAs). Initial review of three FSAs revealed insufficient data to confirm

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correct software application across all FSAs using the FDRS service tool. Further investigation was deemed necessary.

In **December 2024**, a cross-functional team was formed to audit all software FSAs that used the FDRS service tool, with its first focus being on safety and compliance FSAs. Templates were created to track software lineage part numbers.

On **December 19, 2024**, Ford informed NHTSA of this concern -- the service tool data confirmed that the software state on the service tool at the time of installation matches the FSA software release for most vehicles. However, there are vehicles that do not have a match between the software state on the service tool and the FSA software release. Ford discussed with NHTSA its plan to address the mismatched vehicles.

In **January 2025**, the cross-functional team created database records to store all software lineage part numbers for previously launched FSAs. The team then began auditing the current software level for every VIN repaired under several previously launched FSAs.

On **September 16, 2025**, the cross-functional team completed the audit of 23C35 and brought the results to Ford's CCRG for review, concluding that 99.99996% of the repairs conducted under 23C35 had the correct software installed. The team identified the specific vehicles that were recorded as receiving the remedy, but have software that does not remedy the noncompliance.

On **October 3, 2025**, Ford's Field Review Committee reviewed the concern and approved a field action

Ford is not aware of any reports of accident or injury related to this condition.

Related NHTSA Recall Number: 23V727

Description of Remedy

Remedy Type: Software

Consumer Advisories: ☐ Do Not Drive ☐ Park Outside

Description of remedy program:

Owners will be notified by mail and instructed to take their vehicle to a Ford or Lincoln dealer to have the BCM software updated. Then, the software part numbers will be validated using the Software Validation Form in the Professional Technician System before the FSA is closed. There will be no charge for this service.

Ford provided the general reimbursement plan for the cost of remedies paid for by vehicle owners prior to notification of a safety recall in May 2023. Owners who have paid to have these repairs completed at their own expense may be eligible for reimbursement, in accordance with the recall reimbursement plan

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on file with NHTSA.

How remedy component differs from recalled component:

The software service package will have the intended remedy for 23C35 / 23V-727

Identify how/when recall condition was corrected in production:

Reimbursement Plan

Manufacturer used general reimbursement plan on file.

Recall Schedule

Description of recall schedule:

Notification to dealers is expected to occur on November 17, 2025. Mailing of remedy owner notification letters is expected to begin November 17, 2025, and is expected to be completed by November 21, 2025. The date VINs are planned to be searchable is November 17, 2025.

Planned Dealer Notification Date: Nov 17, 2025 - Nov 17, 2025 ☐ No Dealers

Planned Interim Owner Notification Date: ☐ No Owners

Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date: Nov 17, 2025 - Nov 21, 2025 ☐ Phased Recall

Date when VIN will be searchable: Nov 17, 2025