



U.S. Department  
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National Highway  
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Administration

## Part 573 Safety Recall Report

## 25V888

**Manufacturer Name:** Ford Motor Company

**Submission Date:** Dec 18, 2025

**NHTSA Recall No.:** 25V888

**Manufacturer Recall No.:** 25C72

### Manufacturer Information

### Population

**Manufacturer Name:** Ford Motor Company

**Address:** 20000 Rotunda Drive  
Mezzanine  
Dearborn MI, 48124

**Total number of potentially involved:** 35

**Estimated percentage with defect:** 100%

### Vehicle Information

**Vehicle 1:** 2021-2022 FORD BRONCO

**Product Category:** Light Vehicles

**Product Type:**

**Fuel / Propulsion:**

**Production Dates:** Jan 20, 2021 - Mar 13, 2022

**Number of potentially involved:** 35

#### Descriptive Information:

The Ford process is capable of determining which software part numbers have been installed in production and service. Affected vehicles do not contain the remedy the SYNC module software for recall 23C05. These vehicles are not produced in VIN order. 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 2021-2022 Bronco vehicles did not have the remedy for Safety Recall 23C05 / 23V-165 installed correctly, but were 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 23C05 / 23V-165 may still exist, and the rearview camera image meeting the requirements of FMVSS 111 S5.5 may be displayed after a backing event has ended.

**FMVSS1:** 111 - Rear visibility

**Part 573 Safety Recall Report****25V888****FMVSS2:****Description of the safety risk, including crash, fire, death, injury:**

The underlying safety risk specified in Safety Recall 23C05 / 23V-165 still exists on this specified vehicle. Ford described that safety risk as, "The reappearance of the rear view image may distract the driver, increasing the risk of a crash."

**Description of the cause:**

The SYNC software was not properly configured for when the driver operates the vehicle in 4-Low mode.

**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:** Sync Software

**Component Description:** 2021 Bronco

**Component Part Number:** MU5T-14G682-FP

**Component Name 2:** Sync Software

**Component Description:** 2021 Bronco

**Component Part Number:** MU5T-14G682-FR

**Part 573 Safety Recall Report****25V888****Component Name 3:** Sync Software**Component Description:** 2021 Bronco**Component Part Number:** MU5T-14G682-FS**Component Name 4:** Sync Software**Component Description:** 2021 Bronco**Component Part Number:** MU5T-14G682-KJ**Component Name 5:** Sync Software**Component Description:** 2021 Bronco**Component Part Number:** MU5T-14G682-KU**Component Name 6:** Sync Software**Component Description:** 2022 Bronco**Component Part Number:** MU5T-14G682-MD**Component Name 7:** Sync Software**Component Description:** 2022 Bronco**Component Part Number:** MU5T-14G682-MG**Component Name 8:** Sync Software**Component Description:** 2022 Bronco**Component Part Number:** MU5T-14G682-MH**Component Name 9:** Sync Software**Component Description:** 2022 Bronco**Component Part Number:** MU5T-14G682-MJ**Component Name 10:** Sync Software**Component Description:** 2022 Bronco**Component Part Number:** MU5T-14G682-MP

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## 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 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 **December 09, 2025**, the cross-functional team completed the audit of 23C05 and brought the results to Ford's CCRG for review, concluding that 97.43% of the repairs conducted under 23C05 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 **December 12, 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:** 23V165

## Description of Remedy

**Remedy Type:** Software

**Consumer Advisories:**  Do Not Drive  Park Outside

**Part 573 Safety Recall Report****25V888****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 SYNC Module 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 on file with NHTSA.

**How remedy component differs from recalled component:**

The software service package will have the intended remedy for 23C05 / 23V-165

**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 January 30, 2026. Mailing of remedy owner notification letters is expected to begin February 2, 2026 and is expected to be completed by February 6, 2026. The date VINs are planned to be searchable is January 30, 2026.

**Planned Dealer Notification Date:** Jan 30, 2026 - Jan 30, 2026

No Dealers

**Planned Interim Owner Notification Date:**

No Owners

**Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date:** Feb 02, 2026 - Feb 06, 2026

Phased Recall

**Date when VIN will be searchable:** Jan 30, 2026