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Part 573 Safety Recall Report

26E046

Manufacturer Name: Ford Motor Company

Submission Date: Jul 14, 2026

NHTSA Recall No.: 26E046

Manufacturer Recall No.: 26C35

Manufacturer Information

Population

Manufacturer Name: Ford Motor Company

Address: 20000 Rotunda Drive
Mezzanine
Dearborn MI, 48124

Total number of potentially involved: 315

Estimated percentage with defect: 100%

Equipment Information

Brand / Trade 1: Ford Accessory Parts

Model: 2024-2026 Ford F-150

Part Number: RL3Z-19H322-AA

Type: Replacement

Function:

Size:

Production Dates: May 15, 2024 - May 20, 2026

Number of potentially involved: 158

Descriptive Information:

Integrated Trailer Module (ITRM) Accessory Kit sold as accessory parts "Over-The-Counter" (OTC) for 2021-2026 model year F-150. Ford's team reviewed Ford service parts sales and repair records to determine the population of affected parts.

Brand / Trade 2: Ford Accessory Parts

Model: 2021-2023 Ford F-150

Part Number: ML3Z-19H322-AA/AB/BA/BB/CA/CB

Type: Replacement

Function:

Size:

Production Dates: Aug 01, 2021 - May 20, 2026

Number of potentially involved: 157

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Descriptive Information:

Integrated Trailer Module (ITRM) Accessory Kit sold as accessory parts "Over-The-Counter" (OTC) for 2021-2026 model year F-150. Ford's team reviewed Ford service parts sales and repair records to determine the population of affected parts.

Defect / Noncompliance Description

Description of the defect or noncompliance:

On affected vehicles, the Integrated Trailer Module (ITRM) may lose communication with the vehicle. If a loss of communication condition occurs when a trailer is connected to the vehicle, it would result in the loss of stop lamps and turn signal indicators for both High and Low series ITRMs as well as the loss of trailer brake function for High series only. The loss of trailer stop lamps and trailer turn signal indicators affects compliance with FMVSS No. 108, Lamps, reflective devices, and associated equipment.

FMVSS1: 108 - Lamps, reflective devices, and assoc. Equipment

FMVSS2:

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

Inoperable trailer lighting and trailer braking functions can reduce a driver's ability to control an attached trailer and make the attached trailer less visible to other drivers, increasing the risk of a crash.

Description of the cause:

A software vulnerability within the ITRM allows for a potential race condition to occur between the ITRM and the CAN Standby Control bit (STBCC) during initial power-up. If this condition occurs, the module will be powered on but unable to communicate with the vehicle.

Identification of any warning that can occur:

A Pop-up message on the instrument panel cluster (IPC) indicating a "Trailer brake module fault" will be presented and the turn signal telltale will fast flash. Additionally, a "Blind Spot Assist System fault" message may appear on the IPC.

Component Manufacturer

Tier of Supplier: Tier 1

Supplier Type: OEM

Name: Horizon Global, Inc.

Address: Industrial Drive Edificio 11
Parque Ind
Reynosa Foreign States, 88699

Country: Mexico

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Involved Components

Component Name 1: Trailer Module (TRM) Accessory Kit

Component Description: Integrated Trailer Module Accessory Kit for 21-23MY F-150

Component Part Number: ML3Z-19H322- AA/AB/BA/BB/CA/CB

Component Name 2: Trailer Module (TRM) Accessory Kit

Component Description: Integrated Trailer Module Accessory Kit for 24-26MY F-150

Component Part Number: RL3Z-19H322-AA

Purchaser Information

The following manufacturers purchased this defective/noncompliant equipment for possible use or installation in new motor vehicles or new items of motor vehicle equipment:

Name:

Address:

Country:

Chronology

On **May 20, 2026**, Ford's Recall Service Program (RSP) team introduced a concern to Ford's Critical Concern Review Group (CCRG) after an RSP Analyst identified a vehicle that had Field Service Action (FSA) 26C10 marked as complete but was found by a dealer to have an Integrated Trailer Module (ITRM) containing incorrect software. Subsequent investigation determined that although the vehicle had successfully received the FSA 26C10 software update, the commercially available Ford ITRM accessory kit contains ITRM modules with obsoleted pre-FSA 26C10 software. The ITRM accessory kit installation instructions did not direct the dealer to perform an ITRM software update as part of the installation, thereby reintroducing the software condition previously addressed by FSA 26C10.

On May 20, 2026, Ford initiated containment actions to prevent further distribution of affected inventory for all Ford ITRM accessory kits containing the software level recalled under 26C10.

Between May 20, 2026, and June 25, 2026, Ford's cross-functional team investigated the affected population. As of June 25, 2026, this team accounted for a total population of 3,157 ITRM accessory kits, comprised of 1,799 kits held in inventory and 1,358 kits sold. Of the sold population, 315 kits were installed on vehicles and traced to specific VINs outside the 26C10 population, while the remaining 1,043 units represented over-the-counter or online sales for which a documented transaction existed but could not be linked to a specific VIN.

On June 25, 2026, Ford's Critical Concern Review Group (CCRG) completed its investigation, which considered Ford's 26C10 recall and Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 108, Section 6.2.1. Based on this review, and because the ITRM accessory kits contain the same software previously

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recalled under 26C10, CCRG recommended an equipment recall for the ITRM accessory kits sold containing the software level identified under 26C10.

As of June 25, 2026, no warranty claims or Vehicle Owner Questionnaires (VOQs) have been identified as potentially related to this condition.

On **July 7, 2026**, 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: 26V104

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 ITRM software updated. There will be no charge for this service.

How remedy component differs from recalled component:

The remedy component can be distinguished from the recalled component by the incorporation of a software update that corrects the condition resulting in loss of communication. Vehicles that have received the remedy will contain one of the following software part numbers, or a subsequent version:

Model Year(s): 2021–2023 F-150
Affected Part Number: ML3Z-19H322-AA/AB/BA/BB/CA/CB
Remedy Software Part Number (or later): ML3T-19J294-CE

Model Year(s): 2024–2026 F-150
Affected Part Number: RL3Z-19H322-AA
Remedy Software Part Number (or later): RL3T-19J294-BG

Identify how/when recall condition was corrected in production:

Reimbursement Plan

Manufacturer used general reimbursement plan on file.

Recall Schedule

Description of recall schedule:

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Notification to dealers is expected to occur on July 17, 2026. Mailing of remedy owner notification letters is expected to begin August 3, 2026 and is expected to be completed by August 7, 2026.

Planned Dealer Notification Date: Jul 17, 2026 - Jul 17, 2026

☐ No Dealers

Planned Interim Owner Notification Date:

☐ No Owners

Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date: Aug 03, 2026 - Aug 07, 2026

☐ Phased Recall