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Part 573 Safety Recall Report

26V091

Manufacturer Name: Ford Motor Company

Submission Date: Feb 17, 2026

NHTSA Recall No.: 26V091

Manufacturer Recall No.: 25SC4

Manufacturer Information

Population

Manufacturer Name: Ford Motor Company

Address: 20000 Rotunda Drive
Mezzanine
Dearborn MI, 48124

Total number of potentially involved: 24,690

Estimated percentage with defect: 1%

Vehicle Information

Vehicle 1: 2023-2026 LINCOLN CORSAIR PHEV

Product Category: Light Vehicles

Product Type: Multipurpose Passenger Vehicle

Fuel / Propulsion: Plug-In Hybrid

Production Dates: Aug 01, 2023 - Jun 16, 2025

Number of potentially involved: 7,345

Descriptive Information:

Ford's team reviewed supplier process records to determine the population of affected parts. The Ford process can trace high voltage battery cell production to the vehicle in which the high voltage battery cell is installed. Affected vehicles are equipped with 2.5L PHEV engines and suspect high voltage battery cells.

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.

7,345 Lincoln Corsair PHEV vehicles are affected.

Vehicle 2: 2023-2025 FORD ESCAPE PHEV

Product Category: Light Vehicles

Product Type: Multipurpose Passenger Vehicle

Fuel / Propulsion: Plug-In Hybrid

Production Dates: Aug 04, 2023 - Jul 17, 2025

Number of potentially involved: 17,345

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17,345 Ford Escape PHEV vehicles are affected.

Defect / Noncompliance Description

Description of the defect or noncompliance:

The vehicle's high voltage battery cells may experience internal short circuiting.

Ford previously approved recalls 25SC4/25V789 and 24S79/24V954 for Ford Escape and Lincoln Corsair vehicles with battery cells manufactured prior to April 1st, 2023 to address this risk. This recall extends Fords 25SC4 action to Ford Escape and Lincoln Corsair vehicles with battery cells manufactured prior to October 8th, 2024.

FMVSS1:

FMVSS2:

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

In the event of a high voltage battery cell internal short circuit, customers may experience shutdown of the vehicle's propulsion system. Loss of motive power increases the risk of crash and injury. Steering, braking, and lighting functions are not affected.

In the event of a high voltage battery cell internal short circuit, the customer may also experience battery thermal venting potentially resulting in a vehicle fire, increasing the risk of injury.

Description of the cause:

Variability in the battery cell supplier's production process may result in the cell's cathode inducing micro-defects and/or local stresses in the cell's separator layer. These micro-defects and local stresses may damage the separator.

Identification of any warning that can occur:

In the event of a high voltage battery cell internal short circuit while driving the vehicle propulsion system will be shut down and a red "Stop Safely Now" message will be displayed to the driver via the instrument cluster.

Component Manufacturer

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Tier of Supplier: Tier 1

Supplier Type: OEM

Name: Samsung SDI

Address: Schenek Istvan Street 1
Goed Foreign States 2131 Foreign States

Country: Hungary

Involved Components

Component Name 1: UNT ASY BAT H/V TRCT

Component Description: High Voltage Battery Pack

Component Part Number: LX6Z-10B759-EB

Component Name 2: UNT ASY BAT H/V TRCT

Component Description: High Voltage Battery Pack

Component Part Number: PZ1Z-10B759-AA

Chronology

On November 7th, 2025, Safety Field Service Action (FSA) 25SC4 was approved at Ford's Field Review Committee (FRC) meeting to address the risk of high voltage battery thermal venting on a population of Escape, Corsair, and Kuga PHEVs containing high voltage battery cells produced prior to April 1, 2023. Ford's Electrified Systems Engineering (ESE) and Supplier Technical Assistance (STA) teams as well as the high voltage battery cell supplier attributed venting to cell internal short circuiting due to damage to the cell's separator layer between its cathode and anode as a result of variability in the battery cell supplier's production.

Following approval of Safety Field Service Action 25SC4, Ford's Critical Concern Review Group's (CCRG) continued to investigate potential root causes of high voltage battery cell short circuits.

On December 16 and 17, 2025, Ford received two European field reports of cell vents occurring on Ford Kuga vehicles produced subsequent to the 25SC4 recall population.

From December 2025 to February 10th 2026, Ford and the battery cell supplier continued to investigate additional root causes for cell venting through battery pack tear downs and analysis of manufacturing process changes implemented after the supplier specification change that determined the initial 25SC4 population. Through this analysis, Ford has come to believe that battery cells manufactured until an additional supplier quality control was implemented on October 10th, 2024, are susceptible to separator damage that can cause cell venting.

As of February 10th, 2026, Ford is aware of two cases of battery cell venting on vehicles outside of the initial 25SC4 population in Europe. Ford is aware of no instances of battery cell venting outside the initial 25SC4 population in the United States.

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On February 10th, 2026, Ford's FRC reviewed the concern and approved an amendment to the 25SC4 recall population for those vehicles with cells produced from April 1, 2023, through implementation of the October 10th, 2024, supplier quality control referenced above.

Ford is not aware of any accidents or injuries related to this issue.

Related NHTSA Recall Number: 25V789, 24V954

Description of Remedy

Remedy Type: Software

Consumer Advisories: Do Not Drive Park Outside

Description of remedy program:

The remedy is under development. When available, owners will be notified by mail and instructed to take their vehicle to a Ford or Lincoln dealer to have the remedy performed. There will be no charge for this service.

In the interim, owners will be notified by mail and instructed to limit the maximum state of charge of their vehicles to 80% charge through the Ford SYNC infotainment system or Ford/Lincoln application until their vehicles are remedied. In addition to the charge limit, customers will also be instructed to only use "Auto EV" mode. A guide to performing these actions will be sent by mail. Customers may also request assistance from their Ford dealer for completion of these instructions.

How remedy component differs from recalled component:

The remedy is under development.

Identify how/when recall condition was corrected in production:

Not required per 49 Part 573.

Reimbursement Plan

Manufacturer used general reimbursement plan on file.

Recall Schedule

Description of recall schedule:

Notification to dealers is expected to occur on February 18, 2026. Mailing of interim owner notification letters is expected to begin March 02, 2026 and is expected to be completed by March 06, 2026.

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Mailing of remedy owner notification letters is expected to begin on a date to be determined. The date VINs are planned to be searchable is February 18, 2026.

- Planned Dealer Notification Date:** Feb 18, 2026 - Feb 18, 2026 No Dealers
- Planned Interim Owner Notification Date:** Mar 02, 2026 - Mar 06, 2026 No Owners
- Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date:** Phased Recall
- Date when VIN will be searchable:** Feb 18, 2026