U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Safety Recall Report 26V091

Manufacturer Name: Ford Motor Company
Submission Date: Jul 28, 2026
NHTSA Recall No.: 26V091
Manufacturer Recall No.: 25SC4

Manufacturer Information

Manufacturer Name: Ford Motor Company
Address: 20000 Rotunda Drive
Mezzanine
Dearborn MI, 48124

Population

Total number of potentially involved: 25,237
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 - Dec 15, 2025
Number of potentially involved: 7,523
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.

7,523 Lincoln Corsair PHEV vehicles are affected.

Vehicle 2: 2022-2026 FORD ESCAPE PHEV
Product Category: Light Vehicles
Product Type: Multipurpose Passenger Vehicle
Fuel / Propulsion: Plug-In Hybrid
Production Dates: Feb 02, 2023 - Dec 15, 2025
Number of potentially involved: 17,714

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17,714 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 Ford's 25SC4 action to Ford Escape and Lincoln Corsair vehicles with battery cells manufactured prior to October 10th, 2024, and select battery cells manufactured subsequently that a review of supplier manufacturing data has indicated may be susceptible to separator damage.

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: PZ1Z-10B759-AA

Component Name 2: UNT ASY BAT H/V TRCT
Component Description: High Voltage Battery Pack
Component Part Number: LX6Z-10B759-EB

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.

Subsequent to this approval, the CCRG identified a number of Ford Escape and Lincoln Corsair PHEV vehicles with incomplete battery traceability information that resulted in them not being included in the original 25SC4 recall population.

On April 7th, 2026, Ford's FRC reviewed the concern and approved an amendment to the 25SC4 recall population for those vehicles with incomplete battery traceability information.

Subsequent to this approval, the battery cell supplier provided Ford with manufacturing information for battery cells produced after the October 10th, 2024, quality control implementation. An analysis of this information identified battery cells that may be susceptible to separator damage. Ford's review of traceability data identified vehicles not in the 25SC4 recall population containing these cells.

On July 21, 2026, Ford's FRC reviewed the concern and approved an amendment to the 25SC4 recall population to add these vehicles. On this date, Ford's FRC also approved a recall remedy for vehicles recalled under 25SC4.

Ford is not aware of any instances of battery cell venting in vehicles with battery cells manufactured after the October 10th, 2024, quality control implementation.

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:

Owners will be notified by mail and instructed to take their vehicle to a Ford or Lincoln dealer to have their vehicle's Battery Energy Control Module (BECM) and Hybrid Powertrain Control Module (HPCM) software updated. There will be no charge for this service.

Owners will be notified by mail and instructed to limit the maximum state of charge of their vehicles 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 updated software will have enhanced capabilities to reduce the likelihood of a high voltage battery short circuit. The updated software also contains diagnostic checks to detect cell anomalies which may lead to high voltage battery short circuits. In the event, that a high voltage battery short circuit is detected, this software contains safeguards which will limit thermal venting.

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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 July 30, 2026. Mailing of remedy owner notification letters is expected to begin on August 31, 2026 and is expected to be completed on September 4, 2026. The date VINs are planned to be searchable is July 30, 2026 .

Planned Dealer Notification Date: Jul 30, 2026 - Jul 30, 2026 ☐ No Dealers

Planned Interim Owner Notification Date: ☐ No Owners

Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date: Aug 31, 2026 - Sep 04, 2026 ☐ Phased Recall

Date when VIN will be searchable: Jul 30, 2026