U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Safety Recall Report 26V118

Manufacturer Name: Ford Motor Company
Submission Date: Mar 03, 2026
NHTSA Recall No.: 26V118
Manufacturer Recall No.: 26S12

Manufacturer Information

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

Population

Total number of potentially involved: 316
Estimated percentage with defect: 1%

Vehicle Information

Vehicle 1: 2026-2027 Ford E-450
Product Category: Buses, Medium & Heavy Vehicles
Product Type: Other
Fuel / Propulsion: Spark Ignition Fuel
Production Dates: Aug 25, 2025 - Dec 08, 2025
Number of potentially involved: 199
Descriptive Information:

Ford's team determined the recalled parts were introduced into production on August 25, 2025 and were taken out of production on December 8, 2025. Affected vehicles are equipped with a backup alarm (also known as a reverse gear alarm).

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.

199 Ford E-450 vehicles are affected.

Vehicle 2: 2026-2027 Ford E-350
Product Category: Buses, Medium & Heavy Vehicles
Product Type: Other
Fuel / Propulsion: Spark Ignition Fuel
Production Dates: Aug 25, 2025 - Dec 08, 2025
Number of potentially involved: 117
Descriptive Information:

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Defect / Noncompliance Description

Description of the defect or noncompliance:

The backup alarm connector on the vehicle frame wiring harness may become loose or disengaged from the electrical connector on the backup alarm. This can cause the backup alarm to function intermittently or fail to function.

FMVSS1:

FMVSS2:

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

If the backup alarm's electrical connector disengages from the frame wiring harness, the alarm will not function. A backup alarm that does not emit sound may fail to alert pedestrians or other road users of a reversing vehicle, increasing the risk of a crash or injury.

Description of the cause:

The backup alarm connector on the frame wiring harness is not compatible with the backup alarm's electrical connector, preventing them from securely locking.

Identification of any warning that can occur:

The backup alarm may function intermittently when the vehicle is in reverse.

Component Manufacturer

Tier of Supplier: Tier 1

Supplier Type: OEM

Name: Cyprium

Address: 5725 Innovation Dr.
Troy MI, 48098

Country: United States

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Involved Components

Component Name 1: WIR ASY – FU/TNK SDR
Component Description: 2026MY Frame Wiring Harness
Component Part Number: TC24-14406-BC/EC/FC/HC/KC/MC

Component Name 2: WIR ASY – FU/TNK SDR
Component Description: 2027MY Frame Wiring Harness
Component Part Number: VC24-14406-BD/ED/FD/HD/KD/MD

Chronology

On November 6, 2025, the Ohio Assembly Plant (OHAP) Plant Vehicle Team notified Electrical Distribution Systems (EDS) Engineering of an issue regarding the connection between the E-Series cutaway vehicle frame harness electrical connector and the backup alarm electrical connector. An OHAP operator noted that although the frame harness connector and the backup alarm connector were mated, the two connectors did not lock into place. EDS Engineering began an investigation into the issue.

Ford determined that the backup alarm connector on the vehicle frame harness was not the correct connector and on December 09, 2025, OHAP issued a stop ship for 2026 and 2027 model year (MY) Econoline vehicles with a backup alarm. Ford identified 438 Econoline vehicles built and shipped with the incorrect connector prior to the stop ship. The backup alarm is offered as optional equipment on E-Series.

On December 11, 2025, the EDS team introduced the issue to Ford's Critical Concern Review Group (CCRG).

EDS Engineering determined that the backup alarm connector on the frame wiring harness had been inadvertently changed to a connector that was not compatible with the electrical connector on the backup alarm. The updated design prevented the backup alarm connector on the frame wire harness from locking with the connector on the backup alarm.

During the CCRG investigation, Ford and the supplier performed vibration testing to simulate vehicle conditions with the unlocked connectors and found that the alarm connection maintained electrical continuity. Additionally, Ford and the supplier performed sealing analyses for the unlocked connectors. The CCRG determined that because the connection between the wire harness and the backup alarm does not positively lock, it is possible for the connection to disconnect or lose integrity during vehicle life.

As of February 18, 2026, there were no accidents, fires, injuries, VOQs, warranty, or responsive reports related to this concern.

Related NHTSA Recall Number:

Description of Remedy

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Remedy Type: Repair

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 exterior sounder connector on the frame wiring harness replaced. There will be no charge for this service.

How remedy component differs from recalled component:

Dealers will replace the hard shell end connector for the backup alarm connector on the frame wiring harness (TC24-14406-BC/EC/FC/HC/KC/MC, VC24-14406-BD/ED/FD/HD/KD/MD) with a new hard shell connector supplied in wiring pigtail kit (3U2Z-14S411-BXAB). The new hard shell end connector will allow the connection to the backup alarm connector to be fully seated and locked in place.

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 March 4, 2026. Mailing of remedy owner notification letters is expected to begin March 9, 2026 and is expected to be completed by March 16, 2026. The date VINs are planned to be searchable is March 4, 2026.

Planned Dealer Notification Date: Mar 04, 2026 - Mar 06, 2026 ☐ No Dealers

Planned Interim Owner Notification Date: ☐ No Owners

Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date: Mar 09, 2026 - Mar 16, 2026 ☐ Phased Recall

Date when VIN will be searchable: Mar 04, 2026