



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

National Highway  
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Administration

## Part 573 Safety Recall Report

# 26V201

**Manufacturer Name:** Ford Motor Company

**Submission Date:** Mar 31, 2026

**NHTSA Recall No.:** 26V201

**Manufacturer Recall No.:** 26C19

### Manufacturer Information

### Population

**Manufacturer Name:** Ford Motor Company

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

**Total number of potentially involved:** 3,170

**Estimated percentage with defect:** 1%

### Vehicle Information

**Vehicle 1:** 2025-2026 FORD BRONCO SPORT

**Product Category:** Light Vehicles

**Product Type:** Multipurpose Passenger Vehicle

**Fuel / Propulsion:**

**Production Dates:** Jul 29, 2025 - Dec 03, 2025

**Number of potentially involved:** 1,515

**Descriptive Information:**

Affected vehicles are equipped with an Occupant Classification Sensor (OCS) bladder port from a suspect period of production at the port sub-supplier. The Ford process is capable of tracing OCS port production to the vehicles in which the components were installed.

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.

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**Vehicle 2:** 2025-2026 FORD MAVERICK

**Product Category:** Light Vehicles

**Product Type:** Multipurpose Passenger Vehicle

**Fuel / Propulsion:**

**Production Dates:** Aug 08, 2025 - Sep 11, 2025

**Number of potentially involved:** 1,655

**Descriptive Information:**

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## Defect / Noncompliance Description

### Description of the defect or noncompliance:

Affected vehicles may experience a broken Occupant Classification Sensor (OCS) bladder port, affecting the system's ability to accurately classify adult and child occupants. As such, this condition may result in potential non-compliance with FMVSS 208 S19.2.

**FMVSS1:** 208 - Occupant crash protection

**FMVSS2:**

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

In the event of this condition the passenger side frontal air bag will be disabled. A passenger airbag that does not deploy as intended increases the risk of injury in the event of a crash.

### Description of the cause:

Specific root cause of this condition is under investigation but is believed to be isolated to a specific production window at the tier-2 port supplier based on production dates of all known failed ports and is believed to be isolated to Maverick and Bronco Sport vehicles due to a unique interaction between the port geometry and bladder shape on these vehicle lines.

### Identification of any warning that can occur:

The dashboard will display the Supplemental Restraint System (SRS) Malfunction Indicator Lamp (MIL), and the customer will also receive a warning in the driver information center. The passenger airbag telltale will display "Passenger Airbag OFF" alongside the corresponding ISO symbol.

## Component Manufacturer

**Tier of Supplier:** Tier 2

**Supplier Type:** OEM

**Name:** APTIV SERVICES UL LLC

**Address:** Parque Industrial Reynosa PLT 6  
Reynosa Foreign States, 88780

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**Country:** Mexico

## Involved Components

**Component Name 1:** Occupant Classification System (Ford Bronco Sport)

**Component Description:** Occupant Classification System (Ford Bronco Sport)

**Component Part Number:** S1PZ-78632A22-A

**Component Name 2:** Occupant Classification System (Ford Bronco Sport)

**Component Description:** Occupant Classification System (Ford Bronco Sport)

**Component Part Number:** S1PZ-78632A22-B

**Component Name 3:** Occupant Classification System (Ford Maverick)

**Component Description:** Occupant Classification System (Ford Maverick)

**Component Part Number:** SZ6Z-26632A22-A

## Chronology

On January 27, 2026, the Hermosillo Stamping and Assembly Plant (HSAP) Seats & Restraints Plant Vehicle Team (PVT) notified Ford's Critical Concern Group (CCRG) of six instances of broken Occupant Classification System (OCS) bladder ports on Maverick and Bronco Sport vehicles. These included five low-mileage warranty claims and one vehicle identified at the plant. HSAP's review of the claims determined that a mechanical separation of the OCS pressure hose from the elbow fitting results in a dielectric fluid leak.

On February 3, 2026, the CCRG opened an investigation into this concern.

Between February and March 2026, Ford and the supplier worked to identify root cause and the population potentially affected by this concern. The investigation team's review of production history and component traceability revealed that all six broken ports came from the same production period at the port sub-supplier. Currently, the investigation team believes the issue is isolated to this production period as no occurrences have been seen outside this timeframe. While these assemblies are utilized across multiple Ford vehicle lines and supplied to other OEMs, the potential for broken ports is believed to be isolated to the Maverick and Bronco Sport due to a unique interaction between the port geometry and bladder shape on these vehicle lines. No instances of broken ports have been seen on other Ford vehicle lines or with other OEMs. Additionally, elbow to bladder assemblies are pressure-tested for leaks and function-tested twice at the OCS supplier prior to seat assembly, and the seat supplier performs a seat assembly OCS calibration process capable of detecting functional issue; no issues have been detected during these checks, indicating that the damage occurred after leaving that facility and is therefore limited to this population at HSAP.

As of March 16, 2026, Ford has identified six confirmed instances of broken ports and is not aware of any accidents or injuries related to this condition.

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On March 24, 2026, Ford's Field Review Committee reviewed the concern and approved a field action.

Related NHTSA Recall Number:

## Description of Remedy

**Remedy Type:** Replace

**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 dealer to have the passenger seat Occupant Classification Sensor replaced. There will be no charge for this service.

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

The Occupant Classification Sensor Systems (S1PZ-78632A22-A, S1PZ-78632A22-B, SZ6Z-26632A22-A) will not be from the suspected production window.

**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 April 2, 2026. Mailing of interim owner notification letters is expected to begin April 13, 2026, and is expected to be completed by April 17, 2026. Mailing of remedy owner notification letters is expected to begin November 23, 2026, and is expected to be completed by November 27, 2026. The date VINs are planned to be searchable is April 2, 2026.

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**Planned Dealer Notification Date:** Apr 02, 2026 - Apr 02, 2026  No Dealers

**Planned Interim Owner Notification Date:** Apr 13, 2026 - Apr 17, 2026  No Owners

**Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date:** Nov 23, 2026 - Nov 27, 2026  Phased Recall

**Date when VIN will be searchable:** Apr 02, 2026