



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

National Highway  
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Administration

## Part 573 Safety Recall Report

## 26V239

**Manufacturer Name:** Ford Motor Company

**Submission Date:** Apr 14, 2026

**NHTSA Recall No.:** 26V239

**Manufacturer Recall No.:** 25S52

### Manufacturer Information

### Population

**Manufacturer Name:** Ford Motor Company

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

**Total number of potentially involved:** 55

**Estimated percentage with defect:** 100%

### Vehicle Information

**Vehicle 1:** 2025-2025 FORD MAVERICK

**Product Category:** Light Vehicles

**Product Type:** Multipurpose Passenger Vehicle

**Fuel / Propulsion:**

**Production Dates:** Oct 26, 2025 - Nov 03, 2025

**Number of potentially involved:** 8

**Descriptive Information:**

Affected vehicles are equipped with a 2.0L Modular Power Cylinder (MPC) engine and an engine block heater. Ford's team reviewed plant records to determine the population of affected parts. The Ford process is capable of tracing engine block heater production to the vehicle in which the engine block heater is 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.

8 Maverick vehicles are affected.

**Vehicle 2:** 2026-2026 FORD BRONCO SPORT

**Product Category:** Light Vehicles

**Product Type:** Light Truck

**Fuel / Propulsion:**

**Production Dates:** Jun 16, 2025 - Feb 09, 2026

**Number of potentially involved:** 47

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## Descriptive Information:

Affected vehicles are equipped with a 1.5L or a 2.0L Modular Power Cylinder (MPC) engine and an engine block heater. Ford's team reviewed plant records to determine the population of affected parts. The Ford process is capable of tracing engine block heater production to the vehicle in which the engine block heater is 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.

47 Bronco Sport vehicles are affected.

## Defect / Noncompliance Description

### Description of the defect or noncompliance:

Affected vehicles may experience overheating of the engine block heater while the vehicle is parked, and the block heater is plugged in.

**FMVSS1:**

**FMVSS2:**

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

Overheating of the engine block heater in these vehicles may increase the risk of an underhood fire. This risk only exists when the block heater is plugged in.

### Description of the cause:

The design of the block heater element, its packaging in 1.5L and 2.0L MPC engine blocks, and the installation angle in affected vehicles in combination result in susceptibility to block heater overheating resulting from coolant vapor or air being trapped around the heating element of the block heater. This potential for overheating exists when the block heater is plugged in.

### Identification of any warning that can occur:

An overheated engine block heater may result in engine coolant leakage. Coolant leakage may be visible under the vehicle, and may also result in illumination of the check engine light. Some customers have reported poor vehicle heater performance, resulting from coolant loss. Heat damage to the electrical connector on the engine block heater can also occur.

## Component Manufacturer

**Tier of Supplier:** Tier 1

**Supplier Type:** OEM

**Name:** Phillips and Temro Industries

**Address:** 9700 West 74th Street  
Eden Prairie MN, 55344

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**Country:** United States

## Involved Components

**Component Name 1:** Engine Block Heater

**Component Description:** Engine Block Heater

**Component Part Number:** JL3T-6A051-AB

## Chronology

Recall 25V343/Ford Field Service Action (FSA) 25S52 was approved at the Ford's Field Review Committee meeting **of May 16, 2025**, for a population of 2023 - 2025 Bronco Sport, Escape, Corsair, Maverick and Nautilus vehicles produced with engine block heaters that could overheat.

On **February 24, 2026**, Ford's Critical Concern Review Group opened a new investigation after being informed by Ford Product Development team members that an additional population of Bronco Sport vehicles with the affected block heater part had been erroneously scheduled in production, built, and shipped after a stop build for that vehicle configuration was declared. The CCRG's investigation reviewed scheduling system records to determine that 47 Bronco Sport and eight (8) Maverick vehicles in total were specified with suspect block heaters after the stop build was declared. CCRG confirmed these VINs were not included in the prior safety recall.

On **April 7, 2026**, Ford's Field Review Committee reviewed the concern and approved an amendment to FSA 25S52 to add those vehicles to the FSA population.

Ford is not aware of any accidents, injuries, or fires potentially related to this condition.

**Related NHTSA Recall Number:** 25V343

## Description of Remedy

**Remedy Type:** Replace, Inspect

**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 and offered the option to (1) replace the block heater element with a block heater of different design coupled with an inspection and replacement (if required) of the block heater electrical cord; or (2) replace the engine block heater element with a threaded blanking plug coupled and remove the engine block heater cord from the engine compartment. Ford currently anticipates new block heater availability in the 2nd Quarter of 2026. There will be no charge for this service. Owners will be instructed to refrain from plugging in their vehicle's block heater until the vehicle is remedied.

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

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The recalled component is Block Heater JL3T-6A051-AB.  
The remedy block heater will be of a different design.

**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 4/14/2026. Mailing of interim owner notification letters is expected to begin 4/27/2026 and is expected to be completed by 5/1/2026. Mailing of remedy owner notification letters is not yet known as the remedy for this recall is still under development. The date VINs are planned to be searchable is 4/14/2026.

**Planned Dealer Notification Date:** Apr 14, 2026 - Apr 14, 2026  No Dealers

**Planned Interim Owner Notification Date:** Apr 27, 2026 - May 01, 2026  No Owners

**Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date:** Jun 01, 2026 - Jun 01, 2026  Phased Recall

**Date when VIN will be searchable:** Apr 14, 2026