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Traffic Safety
Administration

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

26V532

Manufacturer Name: Ford Motor Company

Submission Date: Aug 13, 2026

NHTSA Recall No.: 26V532

Manufacturer Recall No.: 26S58

Manufacturer Information

Population

Manufacturer Name: Ford Motor Company

Address: 20000 Rotunda Drive
Mezzanine
Dearborn MI, 48124

Total number of potentially involved: 6

Estimated percentage with defect: 100%

Vehicle Information

Vehicle 1: 2026-2026 FORD EXPLORER

Product Category: Light Vehicles

Product Type: Multipurpose Passenger Vehicle

Fuel / Propulsion: Spark Ignition Fuel

Production Dates: Feb 10, 2026 - Feb 17, 2026

Number of potentially involved: 6

Descriptive Information:

Affected vehicles are equipped with 2.3L engines produced with connecting rod bearings that may seize. These engines were identified through a review of engine plant production data. The Ford process is capable of tracing engine production to the vehicle in which the engine 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.

6 Explorer vehicles are affected.

Defect / Noncompliance Description

Description of the defect or noncompliance:

On affected vehicles, a connecting rod bearing may seize and result in engine failure.

FMVSS1:

FMVSS2:

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26V532**Description of the safety risk, including crash, fire, death, injury:**

In the event of this condition, a loss of motive power may occur. A loss of motive power increases the risk of a crash. The condition may also result in an engine block breach, increasing the risk of fire.

Description of the cause:

The cause of bearing seizure remains under investigation. Engine plant production data indicates a shift in crank pin ovality measurements on affected engines after a polishing shoe used in the production process was replaced.

Identification of any warning that can occur:

Customers may experience an engine knocking noise prior to engine failure.

Component Manufacturer

Tier of Supplier:

Supplier Type: OEM

Name: Ford Motor Company

Address: 1 American Road
Dearborn MI, 48126

Country: United States

Involved Components

Component Name 1: Long Block

Component Description: Engine's Long Block

Component Part Number: PB5E-6006-AA

Chronology

On **July 23, 2026**, Ford's Internal Combustion Engines Propulsion Thermal Systems Engineering (IPTSE) Quality team members informed Ford's Automotive Safety Office (ASO) of 10 engines replaced in warranty that showed evidence of a seized #2 connecting rod bearing upon engine teardown analysis. On **July 28, 2026**, Ford's Critical Concern Review Group (CCRG) opened an investigation into this concern.

The investigation team determined that the 10 replaced engines were produced with crankshafts built at Dearborn Engine Plant within the same ~30-minute time window after a polishing shoe used in the production process was replaced. Plant process data shows a shift in the mean for certain Crank Pin #2 measurements for crankshafts produced within this time window. Root cause of the mean-shift has not been determined to date.

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As of August 11, 2026, Ford is aware of 11 warranty claims related to this concern, the first of which was received on March 26, 2026.

On **August 11, 2026**, Ford's Field Review Committee reviewed the concern and approved a field action.

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

Related NHTSA Recall Number:

Description of Remedy

Remedy Type: Repair

Consumer Advisories: ☐ Do Not Drive ☐ Park Outside

Description of remedy program:

Ford will attempt to notify owners by phone and instruct them to take their vehicle to a Ford or Lincoln dealer to have the engine's long block replaced. There will be no charge for this service. Owners will also be notified by mail.

How remedy component differs from recalled component:

The remedy engine long block (PB5E-6006-AA) is not expected to experience connecting rod bearing seizure based on engine plant production data.

Identify how/when recall condition was corrected in production:

Reimbursement Plan

Manufacturer used general reimbursement plan on file.

Recall Schedule

Description of recall schedule:

Notifications to dealers are expected to occur on August 18, 2026. Ford will be contacting owners by phone and email. Mailing of owner notification letters is expected to begin August 24, 2026, and is expected to be completed by August 24, 2026. The date VINs are planned to be searchable is August 18, 2026.

Planned Dealer Notification Date: Aug 18, 2026 - Aug 18, 2026

☐ No Dealers

Planned Interim Owner Notification Date:

☐ No Owners

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Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date: Aug 24, 2026 - Aug 24, 2026 ☐ Phased Recall

Date when VIN will be searchable: Aug 18, 2026