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Part 573 Safety Recall Report

26V550

Manufacturer Name: Ford Motor Company

Submission Date: Aug 25, 2026

NHTSA Recall No.: 26V550

Manufacturer Recall No.: 26S60

Manufacturer Information

Population

Manufacturer Name: Ford Motor Company

Address: 20000 Rotunda Drive
Mezzanine
Dearborn MI, 48124

Total number of potentially involved: 23

Estimated percentage with defect: 58%

Vehicle Information

Vehicle 1: 2026-2026 FORD BRONCO SPORT

Product Category: Light Vehicles

Product Type: Multipurpose Passenger Vehicle

Fuel / Propulsion: Spark Ignition Fuel

Production Dates: Apr 11, 2026 - May 27, 2026

Number of potentially involved: 7

Descriptive Information:

Ford identified the population of potentially affected vehicles by auditing manufacturing records, including error proofing data, repair records, and bypassed-tool records, for the affected assembly plants and production date ranges. Ford's manufacturing systems are capable of tracing, at the individual VIN level, which joints were subject to the potential incomplete torque repair. Each affected vehicle contains exactly one suspect joint, located in one of the following components:

- Rear Wiper Arm
- Window Washer Fluid Bottle
- Fuel Tank Shield
- Engine Cover
- Speaker Assembly
- Lift gate Handle
- C-Pillar Garnish

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 Bronco Sport vehicles are affected.

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Vehicle 2: 2026-2026 FORD F-150
Product Category: Light Vehicles
Product Type: Light Truck
Fuel / Propulsion:
Production Dates: Mar 18, 2026 - Apr 14, 2026
Number of potentially involved: 6

Descriptive Information:

Ford identified the population of potentially affected vehicles by auditing manufacturing records, including error proofing data, repair records, and bypassed-tool records, for the affected assembly plants and production date ranges. Ford's manufacturing systems are capable of tracing, at the individual VIN level, which joints were subject to the potential incomplete torque repair. Each affected vehicle contains exactly one suspect joint, located in one of the following components:

- Grille
- Center High Mount Brake Lamp
- Seat
- Air Conditioning Liquid Line

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6 F-150 vehicles are affected.

Vehicle 3: 2026-2026 FORD MAVERICK
Product Category: Light Vehicles
Product Type: Light Truck
Fuel / Propulsion:
Production Dates: Apr 13, 2026 - May 27, 2026
Number of potentially involved: 10

Descriptive Information:

Ford identified the population of potentially affected vehicles by auditing manufacturing records, including error proofing data, repair records, and bypassed-tool records, for the affected assembly plants and production date ranges. Ford's manufacturing systems are capable of tracing, at the individual VIN level, which joints were subject to the potential incomplete torque repair. Each affected vehicle contains exactly one suspect joint, located in one of the following components:

- Door Latch
- Air Deflector
- Luggage Rack Tie Down
- Instrument Panel Bracket
- Seat Belt Pretensioner

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- Tail Gate Access Panel
- Front Shock/Strut to Turret Housing
- Battery Cable

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.

10 Maverick vehicles are affected.

Defect / Noncompliance Description

Description of the defect or noncompliance:

Repair carts used to perform offline torque verification repairs at assembly plants contained a software coding error introduced during a software update. As a result of this error, a repair cart could automatically record a repair as "Passed" even when the physical torque operation required to secure a joint was not completed or was bypassed. This could result in the affected vehicle having a joint that was not secured to specification.

FMVSS1:

FMVSS2:

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

The specific safety risk associated with an unsecured joint depends on the affected component, as described below.

-Risk of part detachment: If the affected joint secures the F-150 grille or center high mount brake lamp, the Maverick air deflector, or the Bronco Sport rear wiper arm, window washer fluid bottle, fuel tank shield, engine cover, or speaker assembly, the component could detach from the vehicle, increasing the risk of a crash.

-Risk of unsecured cargo: If the affected joint secures the Maverick luggage rack tie-down or the Bronco Sport liftgate handle, failure of the joint could allow cargo to become unsecured and fall into the roadway, increasing the risk of a crash.

-Risk of degraded crash performance: If the affected joint secures an F-150 seat, Maverick door latch, instrument panel bracket, seat belt pretensioner, or tailgate access panel, or the Bronco Sport C-pillar garnish, the unsecured part could degrade crash structure performance or interact with surrounding components during a crash event, increasing the risk of injury.

-Risk of electrical disconnection: If the affected joint secures the Maverick battery cable, an unintended electrical disconnection could occur, which could result in intermittent flickering of the instrument cluster, SYNC screen restarts due to voltage drops affecting rear-view camera visibility while in reverse, and potential loss of motive power, in each case increasing the risk of a crash.

-Risk of reduced vehicle stability: If the affected joint secures the Maverick front shock/strut-to-turret housing, the vehicle could experience reduced stability during aggressive driving maneuvers, increasing the risk of a crash.

-Potential fire risk: If the affected joint secures the F-150 air conditioning liquid line, the effect of potential contact with underhood components has not been determined, and the risk of fire cannot be ruled out.

Description of the cause:

A software coding error was introduced during an update to the torque repair carts used to perform offline repairs at assembly plants. This error caused the repair cart software to automatically

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close the associated repair record as "Passed" in Ford's validation system without confirming that the required physical torque operation had been completed and not bypassed.

Identification of any warning that can occur:

Loose joints may squeak and rattle.

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: BATTERY CABLE & SCREW

Component Description: SNS ASY BAT MNTR & SCREW MR8X25 HF 010

Component Part Number: LX6Z-10C679-C & W719900-S450L

Component Name 2: LUGGAGE RACK TIE DOWN & SCREW

Component Description: RET ASY LUGG H/DWN & SCREW MP8X25 PN TIE 090

Component Part Number: NZ6Z-60550A74-A & W721941-S450B

Component Name 3: TAIL GATE ACCESS PANEL SCREWS

Component Description: REINF TL/GT I/S CVR PNL, NUT CLIP 4.2 PTM PSH IN STL, SCREW 4.2X25 HC SPH SERR TAP and SCREW&WSHR 4.2X22 PN TI R FL

Component Part Number: NZ6Z-6043121-A, W716529-S900, W719293-S451, W717563-S450B

Component Name 4: SEAT BELT PRETENSIONER

Component Description: SCREW MR10X52 PN TI 010

Component Part Number: W720196-S439

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Component Name 5: STRUT (FRONT SHOCK/STRUT TO TURRET HOUSING)

Component Description: BOLT&WSHR M8X20 HX MAT FL 10

Component Part Number: W719733-S442

Component Name 6: DOOR LATCH, BOLTS & SCREW

Component Description: LAT & R/CONTR ASY RR DR LH, BOLT M6X13 RC TIE PIL ADH 10, SCREW 5X16 PC TI SEH TFP TH

Component Part Number: PZ6Z-26264A27-A, W720761-S450B, & W719529-S450

Component Name 7: AIR DEFLECTOR & SCREW

Component Description: DEFL ASY FRT FLR PAN SD SND LH & SCREW&WSHR 5X20 PN TI TFP FL

Component Part Number: NZ6Z-9911782-B and -W702413-S450B

Component Name 8: INSTRUMENT PANEL BRACKET & NUT

Component Description: BRKT I/PNL LWR EXT LH & NUT M8 HF PTM 8

Component Part Number: LX6Z-78043B92-A & W520102-S450L

Component Name 9: HIGHMOUNT BRAKE LAMP, NUTS & SCREW

Component Description: LP ASY RR HI MT, NUT EXP 4.2X6.3X6.3X0.7-1 PLA, SCREW 4.2X40 HC TI SLT C TAP SEHSS

Component Part Number: ML3Z-13A613-A, W712852-S300 & W723258-S900

Component Name 10: SEAT, SCREWS & NUTS

Component Description: STRKR ASY RR ST BK LAT, SCREW&WSHR MR10X50 HF CON 010, NUT&WSHR M12 HF PTP CON 10

Component Part Number: 9662452, W718633-S451 & W718587-S440

Component Name 11: AIR CONDITIONING LIQUID LINE, NUTS, HOSE ASSEMBLY

Component Description: TUB ASY A/C COMPR TO COND, NUT M8 HF 8, HOS ASY-A/C EVP COMPR S/OFF VLV, BOLT M6X20 HF PIL 8

Component Part Number: ML3Z-19972-AJ, W520413-S440, ML3Z-19867-AH & W500214-S439

Component Name 12: GRILLE & SCREWS

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Component Description: SHTR ASY-RAD THERMO CONTR & SCREW&WSHR M6X25 HF CA FL 010
Component Part Number: RL3Z-8475-B & W713437-S451

Component Name 13: C-PILLAR GARNISH & SCREW
Component Description: PNL BDY SD RR CNR TR & SCREW MR6X20 HF SHLDR 010
Component Part Number: M1PZ-7852018-AC & W716152-S451

Component Name 14: WINDOW WASHER FLUID BOTTLE & BOLTS
Component Description: RESVR & MTR ASY W/WSHR & BOLT&WSHR M6X20 HX PIL 8
Component Part Number: M1PZ-17618-G & W705134-S442

Component Name 15: SPEAKER & BOLT
Component Description: PKR & ENCL ASY RADO & BOLT&WSHR M6X30 HX NP CON 8
Component Part Number: M1PZ-18808-A & W505426-S439

Component Name 16: ENGINE COVER & BOLTS
Component Description: SHLD FR C/M & BOLT&WSHR M8X27 HX CTP CON ADH 10
Component Part Number: N1PZ-5D032-B & W709390-S439

Component Name 17: WIPER ARM & NUT
Component Description: ARM & RET ASY-RR WDO WPR & NUT M8 HX PTM ADH 8
Component Part Number: M1PZ-17526-C & W708312-S442

Component Name 18: FUEL TANK SHIELD & BOLTS
Component Description: PLT ASY-FU/TNK SKD, PLT ASY-FU/TNK SKD & BOLT&WSHR M8X24 PN
TIE PTC ADH 10
Component Part Number: LX6Z-9A147-A (RH), LX6Z-9A147-B (LH) & W720526-S450B

Component Name 19: LIFT GATE HANDLE & NUTS
Component Description: HNDL LFT/GT O/S & NUT&WSHR M6 HX 8
Component Part Number: S1PZ-58403A70-ABPTM & W705277-S440

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Chronology

On February 25, 2026, a defective version of torque repair cart software (version 1.13.1.9) was first installed at Flat Rock Assembly Plant. This software automatically closed certain repair concerns in Ford's validation system as "Passed" despite failed or bypassed torque operations. The prior software version did not have this defect, and plants not using the affected repair carts were unaffected.

On May 8, 2026, Chicago Assembly Plant operators performed a repair using an affected repair cart and discovered that a concern had been closed in Ford's validation system despite the joint not being properly secured.

On June 11, 2026, the issue was brought to Ford's Critical Concern Review Group for review. Ford reviewed records for all vehicles repaired using the affected repair carts while the defective software was in place across seven assembly plants, spanning MY26 F-150, Maverick, Bronco Sport, Explorer, Aviator, Mustang Mach-E, and Mustang vehicles. Through this review, Ford was able to confirm proper torque values for all vehicles except those included in this recall.

As of August 16, 2026, Ford was not aware of any warranty, field, customer service reports, or Vehicle Owner Questionnaires associated with this concern.

On August 18, 2026, Ford's Field Review Committee reviewed the concern and approved a field service action.

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

Related NHTSA Recall Number: NA

Description of Remedy

Remedy Type: Inspect, 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 affected joint inspected for presence of the positive retention mechanism and proper torque. The joint will be re-torqued and/or the retention mechanism repaired or replaced, as applicable. There will be no charge for this service.

How remedy component differs from recalled component:

Once inspected, the affected joint will be re-torqued or, if needed, the positive retention mechanism will be installed or replaced. The specific joint inspected will vary by vehicle.

Identify how/when recall condition was corrected in production:

Not required per 49 Part 573.

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Reimbursement Plan

Manufacturer used general reimbursement plan on file.

Recall Schedule

Description of recall schedule:

Notification to dealers is expected to occur on August 26, 2026. Mailing of remedy owner notification letters is expected to begin September 21, 2026 and is expected to be completed by September 25, 2026. The date VINs are planned to be searchable is August 26, 2026.

Planned Dealer Notification Date: Aug 26, 2026 - Aug 26, 2026 ☐ No Dealers

Planned Interim Owner Notification Date: ☐ No Owners

Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date: Sep 21, 2026 - Sep 25, 2026 ☐ Phased Recall

Date when VIN will be searchable: Aug 26, 2026