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National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

26V576

Manufacturer Name: Ford Motor Company

Submission Date: Sep 09, 2026

NHTSA Recall No.: 26V576

Manufacturer Recall No.: 26S63

Manufacturer Information

Population

Manufacturer Name: Ford Motor Company

Address: 20000 Rotunda Drive
Mezzanine
Dearborn MI, 48124

Total number of potentially involved: 37

Estimated percentage with defect: 100%

Vehicle Information

Vehicle 1: 2026-2026 FORD F-150

Product Category: Light Vehicles

Product Type: Light Truck

Fuel / Propulsion:

Production Dates: May 27, 2026 - May 28, 2026

Number of potentially involved: 37

Descriptive Information:

Ford team reviewed plant records to determine the population of affected parts. The Ford process is capable of tracing rear axle production with incorrect tail bearings to the vehicle in which the rear axle 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.

37 2026 model year Ford F-150 vehicles are affected.

Defect / Noncompliance Description

Description of the defect or noncompliance:

Certain vehicles were built with incorrect rear axle tail bearings which were not rated for the intended vehicle application and can result in rear axle tail bearing seizure after extended time in service.

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FMVSS2:

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

Rear axle bearing seizure may lead to rear wheel lock-up and/or driveshaft separation, which can result in loss of vehicle control or loss of motive power. If the parking brake is not applied, driveshaft separation may result in unintended vehicle movement while the vehicle is in park. These conditions increase the risk of a crash or injury.

Description of the cause:

Vehicles built with the incorrect tail bearing do not have adequate material hardness for use conditions the vehicle may be subjected to over the life of the vehicle.

Identification of any warning that can occur:

Customers may experience an increase in noise as conditions worsen over time.

Component Manufacturer

Tier of Supplier:

Supplier Type: OEM

Name: Ford Motor Company

Address: 1 American Road
Dearborn MI, 48124

Country: United States

Involved Components

Component Name 1: Axle Tail Bearing

Component Description: 9.75" Rear Axle Tail Bearing

Component Part Number: ML3Z-4621-A

Chronology

On May 26, 2026, during production of the max tow package rear axles for the 2026 model year F-150 vehicles at the Sterling Axle Plant, plant personnel noted that 8.8" axle tail bearings were being installed in place of the correct 9.75" tail bearings. The 8.8" axle tail bearing is not rated for the conditions that the max tow package is designed to support.

On May 28, 2026, the Quality team reviewed current outbound logistics data and found that units had been shipped from Sterling Axle Plant to Dearborn Truck Plant (DTP).

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On June 3, 2026, DTP issued a Stop Ship and determined that 38 vehicles were already shipped and out of plant control. Of these 38 vehicles, 37 were manufactured for sale in the U.S. or U.S. territories.

On June 11, 2026, this issue was brought to Ford's Critical Concern Review Group for review. The CCRG team investigated the effect of incorrect tail bearings on the axle to understand the progression of the symptoms and evaluate the impact to safety.

On September 1, 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 concern.

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 or Lincoln dealer to have the rear axle tail bearing replaced. There will be no charge for this service.

How remedy component differs from recalled component:

Vehicles will have the 8.8" tail bearing replaced with the 9.75" tail bearing.

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 September 14, 2026. Mailing of remedy owner notification letters is expected to begin September 21, 2026, and is expected to be completed by September 26, 2026. The date VINs are planned to be searchable is September 14, 2026

Planned Dealer Notification Date: Sep 14, 2026 - Sep 14, 2026

☐ No Dealers

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