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Part 573 Safety Recall Report

26V577

Manufacturer Name: Ford Motor Company

Submission Date: Sep 09, 2026

NHTSA Recall No.: 26V577

Manufacturer Recall No.: 26S66

Manufacturer Information

Population

Manufacturer Name: Ford Motor Company

Address: 20000 Rotunda Drive
Mezzanine
Dearborn MI, 48124

Total number of potentially involved: 17

Estimated percentage with defect: 5%

Vehicle Information

Vehicle 1: 2026-2026 FORD F-150

Product Category: Light Vehicles

Product Type: Light Truck

Fuel / Propulsion:

Production Dates: Dec 27, 2025 - Jan 23, 2026

Number of potentially involved: 17

Descriptive Information:

Ford's team reviewed manufacturing records to determine the population of affected vehicles. Affected vehicles may have been manufactured with torque to the Panhard rod fasteners that did not meet Ford specifications. Affected vehicles are equipped with the Raptor series package.

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.

Defect / Noncompliance Description

Description of the defect or noncompliance:

On affected vehicles, the Panhard rod fasteners may not have been torqued to specification during vehicle assembly. This condition may cause the fasteners to loosen over time, potentially allowing the Panhard rod to shift out of its intended position.

FMVSS1:

FMVSS2:

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Loose or missing Panhard rod fasteners may cause a change in vehicle handling characteristics which can result in a loss of vehicle control, increasing the risk of a crash.

Description of the cause:

The error-proofing device at the relevant torque station was in bypass mode for a period during production, resulting in incomplete or non-conforming torque data for some vehicles.

Identification of any warning that can occur:

A customer may notice audible rattling or clunking, particularly on rough road surfaces or while entering or exiting the bed of the vehicle. Additionally, there may be a noticeable change in vehicle handling while maneuvering the vehicle.

Component Manufacturer

Tier of Supplier:**Supplier Type:** OEM**Name:** Ford Motor Company**Address:** One American Road
Dearborn MI, 48126**Country:** United States

Involved Components

Component Name 1: Panhard Rod**Component Description:** Panhard Rod**Component Part Number:** ML3V-4264-AC**Component Name 2:** Frame Bolt**Component Description:** Frame Bolt**Component Part Number:** W721767-S439**Component Name 3:** Axle Bolt**Component Description:** Axle Bolt**Component Part Number:** W721802-S439

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Component Name 4: Frame Nut
Component Description: Frame Nut
Component Part Number: W520216-S440

Component Name 5: Axle Nut
Component Description: Axle Nut
Component Part Number: W721803-S900

Chronology

On February 23, 2026, Dearborn Truck Plant (DTP) was alerted to a warranty claim on a model year (MY) 2026 Ford F-150 Raptor regarding a "customer rattle." Upon further inspection, the dealer confirmed that the rear Panhard rod was loose. Further Investigation by DTP concluded that the error-proofing data for the relevant torque station was in bypass mode from December 27, 2025, until January 23, 2026. A review of the torque data confirmed the vehicles that either did not meet the torque requirement or had missing/incomplete rundown data.

On March 5, 2026, Ford's Critical Concern Review Group (CCRG) opened an investigation into loose or missing rear Panhard rod fasteners on 2026 MY Ford F-150 Raptor vehicles.

As part of its ongoing investigation, CCRG evaluated the geometry of the suspension system and detectability of a loose Panhard rod. CCRG initially assessed that the condition would be overt, progressive, and easily detectable to the customer. CCRG continued its evaluation and in August 2026 ultimately determined that the loose condition may not be detectable from inside the cabin. CCRG also considered the likely usage of these vehicles by owners, many of whom are driving or racing enthusiasts.

In August 2026, Ford's Global Data Insight and Analytics (GDIA) team completed a statistical analysis of the potentially affected population, which indicated a low likelihood of future field failures.

As of August 17, 2026, Ford is aware of two warranty claims, received on February 24, 2026, and March 2, 2026, and no field reports or customer complaints related to a Panhard rod with loose or missing fasteners.

On **September 1, 2026**, Ford's Field Review Committee reviewed the concern and approved a field service action.

Ford is not aware of any reports of accident or injury related to this condition.

Related NHTSA Recall Number:

Description of Remedy

Remedy Type: Replace

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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 fasteners on the Panhard rod replaced. There will be no charge for this service.

How remedy component differs from recalled component:

The fasteners that secure the Panhard rod will be replaced with new fasteners and torqued to Ford specifications.

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 10, 2026. Mailing of remedy owner notification letters is expected to begin September 15, 2026, and is expected to be completed by September 18, 2026. The date VINs are planned to be searchable is September 10, 2026.

Planned Dealer Notification Date: Sep 10, 2026 - Sep 14, 2026 ☐ No Dealers

Planned Interim Owner Notification Date: ☐ No Owners

Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date: Sep 15, 2026 - Sep 18, 2026 ☐ Phased Recall

Date when VIN will be searchable: Sep 10, 2026