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Part 573 Safety Recall Report

26V606

Manufacturer Name: Ford Motor Company

Submission Date: Sep 22, 2026

NHTSA Recall No.: 26V606

Manufacturer Recall No.: 26C43

Manufacturer Information

Population

Manufacturer Name: Ford Motor Company

Address: 20000 Rotunda Drive
Mezzanine
Dearborn MI, 48124

Total number of potentially involved: 41,748

Estimated percentage with defect: 1%

Vehicle Information

Vehicle 1: 2026-2026 FORD F-550 SD

Product Category: Buses, Medium & Heavy Vehicles

Product Type: Truck

Fuel / Propulsion:

Production Dates: Aug 04, 2025 - Aug 04, 2026

Number of potentially involved: 120

Descriptive Information:

Affected vehicles are potentially equipped with headlight assemblies with contaminants under their LED chip. Ford's team assessed warranty return data, supplier shipping records and LED chip traceability data to determine a suspect build date range. Vehicles from this production period that are either unsold or have less than 4 months in service as of September 15, 2026, are included in the recall population. This population is based on Ford's understanding of the issue and observed occurrences in the field, which indicate the condition will manifest very early in the vehicle's lifetime.

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.

120 Ford F-550 vehicles are affected.

Vehicle 2: 2026-2026 FORD F-450 SD

Product Category: Buses, Medium & Heavy Vehicles

Product Type: Truck

Fuel / Propulsion:

Production Dates: Aug 04, 2025 - Aug 04, 2026

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Number of potentially involved: 523

Descriptive Information:

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523 Ford F-450 vehicles are affected.

Vehicle 3: 2026-2026 FORD F-350 SD

Product Category: Light Vehicles

Product Type: Light Truck

Fuel / Propulsion:

Production Dates: Aug 04, 2025 - Aug 04, 2026

Number of potentially involved: 10,295

Descriptive Information:

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10,295 Ford F-350 vehicles are affected.

Vehicle 4: 2026-2026 FORD F-250 SD

Product Category: Light Vehicles

Product Type: Light Truck

Fuel / Propulsion:

Production Dates: Aug 04, 2025 - Aug 04, 2026

Number of potentially involved: 17,512

Descriptive Information:

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17,512 Ford F-250 vehicles are affected.

Vehicle 5: 2025-2027 FORD EXPEDITION

Product Category: Light Vehicles

Product Type: Multipurpose Passenger Vehicle

Fuel / Propulsion:

Production Dates: Jun 24, 2025 - Jul 02, 2026

Number of potentially involved: 13,298

Descriptive Information:

Affected vehicles are potentially equipped with headlight assemblies with contaminants under their LED chip. Ford's team assessed warranty return data, supplier shipping records and LED chip traceability data to determine a suspect build date range. Vehicles from this production period that are either unsold or have less than 4 months in service as of September 15, 2026, are included in the recall population. This population is based on Ford's understanding of the issue and observed occurrences in the field, which indicate the condition will manifest very early in the vehicle's lifetime.

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13,298 Ford Expedition vehicles are affected.

Defect / Noncompliance Description

Description of the defect or noncompliance:

Super Duty customers may experience diminished or inoperative Daytime Running Lamps (DRLs) and parking lamps on vehicles equipped with LED reflector or LED projector headlamps. Super Duty customers also may experience diminished or inoperative low beams and/or high beams on vehicles equipped with LED reflector headlamps. Expedition customers may experience diminished or inoperative low beams and/or high beams on vehicles equipped with LED reflector headlamps.

FMVSS1: 108 - Lamps, reflective devices, and assoc. Equipment

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Inoperable exterior lighting features may reduce visibility for the driver and/or make the vehicle less visible to other drivers, increasing the risk of a crash.

Description of the cause:

LED chips in headlamp assemblies may have been exposed to contamination at the chip supplier's manufacturing facility.

Identification of any warning that can occur:

A dashboard indicator light will illuminate for customers experiencing inoperative low beam and/or high beam headlamps.

Component Manufacturer

Tier of Supplier: Tier 1**Supplier Type:** OEM**Name:** Flex N Gate Inc**Address:** 2701 South Banker Street
Effingham IL, 62401**Country:** United States

Involved Components

Component Name 1: Headlamp Assembly**Component Description:** Headlamp Assembly – RH Mid-series Expedition**Component Part Number:** SL1B-13008-AN**Component Name 2:** Headlamp Assembly**Component Description:** Headlamp Assembly – LH Mid-series Expedition**Component Part Number:** SL1B-13035-AN**Component Name 3:** Headlamp Assembly**Component Description:** Headlamp Assembly – RH Mid-series Super Duty**Component Part Number:** RC3B-13008-AE

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Component Name 4: Headlamp Assembly
Component Description: Headlamp Assembly – LH Mid-series Super Duty
Component Part Number: RC3B-13035-AE

Component Name 5: Headlamp Assembly
Component Description: Headlamp Assembly – RH High-series Super Duty
Component Part Number: RC3B-13008-BG

Component Name 6: Headlamp Assembly
Component Description: Headlamp Assembly – LH High-series Super Duty
Component Part Number: RC3B-13035-BG

Chronology

On May 21, 2026, a concern related to warranty claims citing inoperative LED headlamps in 2026 Model Year Super Duty vehicles was brought to Ford's Critical Concern Review Group (CCRG) by Ford's Supplier Technical Assistance team for review.

The investigation team determined that the root cause of the headlamp inoperability was contamination of LED chips in some headlamp assemblies. From May through June 2026, the investigation team worked with the Tier-1 lighting supplier to determine the source of chip contaminants. The source was traced to the Tier 3 chip supplier's manufacturing facility.

From July through August 2026, the investigation team worked to establish the population of vehicles potentially affected by the chip contamination concern. Warranty return data, supplier shipping record were used to determine affected model lines and an initial suspect build date range at Ford's Kentucky Truck Plant (KTP).

In September 2026, newly available traceability data received from the Tier 1 supplier was used further refine the initial suspect build date range.

As part of this investigation, a regulatory subject matter expert from the Ford Automotive Safety Office evaluated this condition against Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 108 (Lamps, reflective devices, and associated equipment), and determined that affected vehicles may not comply.

As of September 10, 2026, there are six warranty claims and six field reports on six unique VINs with inoperative lights related to the LED chip contamination. Ford is not aware of any reports of accident or injury related to this condition.

On September 15, 2026, Ford's Field Review Committee reviewed the concern and approved a field action.

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Description of Remedy

Remedy Type: Inspect, 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 both the left-hand and right-hand headlamp assemblies inspected. If inspection passes, no further action will be taken. If the inspection fails, dealers will perform a replacement of the headlamp(s). There will be no charge for this service.

How remedy component differs from recalled component:

All remedied vehicles will have headlamp assemblies built free of contamination.

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 begin on October 26, 2026, and is expected to be completed by October 30, 2026. Mailing of remedy owner notification letters is expected to begin November 6, 2026, and is expected to be completed by November 13, 2026. The date VINs are planned to be searchable is October 26, 2026.

Planned Dealer Notification Date: Oct 26, 2026 - Oct 30, 2026

☐ No Dealers

Planned Interim Owner Notification Date:

☐ No Owners

Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date: Nov 06, 2026 - Nov 13, 2026

☐ Phased Recall

Date when VIN will be searchable: Oct 26, 2026