



Service Engineering Operations
Customer Service Division

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TO: All U.S. Ford and Lincoln Dealers

SUBJECT: **Advance Notice Safety Recall 26S43**
Incorrect Recall Software Installation on
Certain 2015-2018 Model Year Focus Vehicles
Equipped With A B6 6-Speed Manual Transmission
Clutch Pressure Plate Cracks

AFFECTED VEHICLES (U.S. Population Of Affected Vehicles 5252):

Vehicle	Model Year	Assembly Plant	Build Date Range
Focus	2015-2018	Michigan	October 1, 2014 through April 25, 2018

Affected vehicles are identified in OASIS and FSA VIN Lists.

REASON FOR THIS SAFETY RECALL

According to Ford's records, certain 2015-2018 Model Year Focus vehicles may not have the software for Safety Recall 18S07 installed correctly but were recorded as having received the repair successfully. Because the correct software update may not have been installed on these vehicles, the underlying condition specified in 18S07 may still exist. In some of the affected vehicles, the clutch assembly may overheat as a result of excessive clutch slip, resulting in abnormal noise, odor, smoke, and/or engine speed flare accompanied by a loss of power. If not addressed, this condition could cause the clutch pressure plate to crack and eventually fracture, damaging the transmission assembly. Damage to the transmission assembly could allow transmission fluid to leak. Leaking of transmission fluid in the presence of an ignition source can lead to the risk of an engine compartment fire.

SERVICE ACTION

A complete dealer bulletin, including technical instructions, is expected to be available to dealers by 8/31/26, when a remedy is planned to be available for this safety recall.

IMPORTANT: Dealers should open a Repair Order (RO) only when a full dealer bulletin is published. Opening an RO against an Awareness or Advance Notice will result in warranty rejections against a recall.

OWNER NOTIFICATION

Owners of record will be notified via first-class mail within sixty days, which may occur before remedy availability including repair instructions have been provided to dealers.

PLEASE NOTE:

Federal law requires dealers to complete this recall service before a new vehicle is delivered to the buyer or lessee. Violation of this requirement by a dealer could result in a civil penalty of up to \$27,168 per vehicle. Correct all vehicles in your new vehicle inventory prior to delivery.

DEALER-OPERATED RENTAL VEHICLES

The Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act law effective June 2016 prohibits a rental company from selling, renting or leasing vehicles subject to a safety recall. Please consult your legal counsel for legal advice.

QUESTIONS & ASSISTANCE

For questions and assistance, contact the Special Service Support Center (SSSC) via the SSSC Web Contact Site. The SSSC Web Contact Site can be accessed through the Professional Technician System (PTS) website using the SSSC link listed at the bottom of the OASIS VIN report screen or listed under the SSSC tab.

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