



Service Engineering Operations
Customer Service Division

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TO: All U.S. Ford and Lincoln Dealers

**SUBJECT: NEW VEHICLE DEMONSTRATION / DELIVERY HOLD - Advance Notice
Safety Recall 26S52**

Certain 2020-2027 Model Year Aviator and 2020-2026 Explorer Vehicles with Power
Second-Row Seat – Second-Row Seat Easy Entry Switch Housing and Bezel
Replacement

AFFECTED VEHICLES (U.S. Population Of Affected Vehicles 387,369)

Vehicle	Model Year	Assembly Plant	Build Date Range
Explorer	2020-2026	Chicago Plant Build	October 20, 2018 through June 24, 2026
Aviator	2020-2027	Chicago Plant Build	October 19, 2018 through May 13, 2026
Explorer	2021-2023	Chicago SHO Center	September 14, 2020 through July 28, 2023
Aviator	2021-2023	Chicago SHO Center	September 14, 2020 through July 24, 2023

Affected vehicles are identified in OASIS and FSA VIN Lists.

REASON FOR THIS SAFETY RECALL

In some vehicles, the second-row seat's easy-entry tip-and-slide switch may bind or stick if the surrounding trim bezel is seated incorrectly. If the button gets stuck down, the seat could unexpectedly tip or slide—even while driving—raising the risk of injury in a crash.

Some vehicles in the population may have already had the recall repair performed for recall 25S67 to address the potential for unexpected second-row seat movement while driving. These vehicles should still have this recall (26S52) performed when it is available.

SERVICE ACTION

DO NOT DEMONSTRATE OR DELIVER any new in-stock vehicles involved in this safety recall. For new vehicle storage guidelines, refer to EFC13033, Storage Guidelines for New Vehicles.

A complete dealer bulletin, including technical instructions, is expected to be available to dealers by September 28, 2026, 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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