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 26S61
Certain 2026 Model Year Bronco, Bronco Sport, Mustang, Ranger, and Explorer Vehicles Equipped with 2.3L or 1.5L Engines.
Engine Piston Inspection Test

AFFECTED VEHICLES (U.S. Population Of Affected Vehicles 9,948):

Vehicle	Model Year	Assembly Plant	Build Date Range
Bronco	2026	Michigan	February 16, 2026 through April 14, 2026
Bronco Sport	2026	Hermosillo	February 20, 2026 through April 22, 2026
Mustang	2026	Flat Rock	March 31, 2026 through April 9, 2026
Ranger	2026	Michigan	February 21, 2026 through April 20, 2026
Explorer	2026	Chicago	February 20, 2026 through April 18, 2026

Affected vehicles are identified in OASIS and FSA VIN Lists.

REASON FOR THIS SAFETY RECALL

In some of the affected vehicles, an engine piston may fail and cause catastrophic engine failure. The customer may experience engine noise, misfire, or a check engine light (CEL) while running, and a potential for loss of motive power if continued to be driven. A loss of motive power increases the risk of a crash.

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 December 21, 206, 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.

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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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