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**TO:** All U.S. Ford and Lincoln Dealers

SUBJECT: NEW VEHICLE DEMONSTRATION / DELIVERY HOLD

Safety Recall 23S30

Certain 2022-2023 Model Year F-150 Battery Electric Vehicles

Rear Lightbar Replacement

# **AFFECTED VEHICLES**

Vehicle	Model Year	Assembly Plant	Build Dates
F-150 BEV	2022-2023	Rouge Electric Vehicle Center	October 14, 2021 through March 28, 2023

US population of affected vehicles: 16,364. Affected vehicles are identified in OASIS and FSA VIN Lists.

**Note**: Some vehicles may be in the process of being repaired at the plant. Monitor OASIS before opening an RO and/or beginning a repair. Parts purchased for an FSA can be returned for credit if required. See the EXCESS STOCK RETURN details in the Labor Allowances and Parts Ordering Information section for more information.

### **REASON FOR THIS SAFETY RECALL**

In all of the affected vehicles, the reversing lamps may not function due to microscopic cracks in the vehicle's rear lightbar. If a microscopic crack has been initiated, it can propagate further via various methods such as temperature cycling, vehicle vibration, and/or tail gate slam. If a microscopic crack is present, condensation can potentially enter into the reversing lamp lens through these cracks and cause electrical failure to the reverse lamps. Inoperative reverse lamps may reduce the awareness of other motorists or road users of the driver's intention to operate the vehicle in reverse gear, increasing the risk of injury or crash.

# **SERVICE ACTION**

Before demonstrating or delivering any new in-stock vehicles involved in this recall, dealers are to replace the rear lightbar. This service must be performed on all affected vehicles at no charge to the vehicle owner.

To assist vehicle owners to have this repair completed when parts are available, dealers should:

- Arrange for a mobile repair at the owner's location, or:
  - o Arrange to pick up the owner's vehicle and drive it to the dealership for repairs.
- Re-deliver the owner's vehicle after repairs have been completed.
- Pick-up and delivery and mobile service should be made available for all customers. Refer to the Rental and Claiming sections for further details.

#### **OWNER NOTIFICATION MAILING SCHEDULE**

Parts to repair this condition are currently not available in sufficient quantities to service all of the affected vehicles. Therefore, to ensure an ample supply of parts is available, owners of affected vehicles will be notified starting the week of November 6, 2023, when we anticipate parts will be available to fully support this program. Dealers should repair any affected vehicles that arrive at their dealerships, whether or not the customer has received a letter.

#### **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 \$26,315 per vehicle. Correct all vehicles in your new vehicle inventory before delivery.

# **ATTACHMENTS**

- Administrative Information
- Labor Allowances and Parts Ordering Information
- Technical Information
- Mobile Service Repair Assessment
- Mobile Repair/Vehicle Pickup and Delivery Record
- Owner Notification Letters
- Recall Reimbursement Plan

# **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.

Sincerely,

Stacy L. Balzer

#### MOBILE SERVICE REPAIR ASSESSMENT LEVEL

• All repairs in this program have the following assessment level:

- Enhanced Mobile Service

# **MOBILE REPAIR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Confirm with the customer a mobile repair is feasible.
- Check OASIS before going to the customer's home or business to confirm if any other outstanding FSA needs to be completed.
- Transportation due to the simplicity of this repair, a specialty vehicle is not required.

# **MOBILE REPAIR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Please ensure the technician brings the following to the mobile repair destination:

- Printed Technical Instructions
- Printed Repair/Work Order or any other necessary documentation as customer copy(s)
  - Documents could also be emailed to the customer.
- Shirt/uniform and vehicle graphic with the dealership or Ford logos are recommended.

# **MOBILE REPAIR QUESTIONS AND ASSISTANCE**

- For questions and assistance, contact the Special Service Support Center (SSSC) via the SSSC Web Contact Site. Work with Dealership warranty administrator to create a SSSC contact ID#.
- Once an SSSC agent responds to the new contact ID#, you may opt to call the SSSC hotline: (800) 325-5621.

#### MOBILE REPAIR CLAIMING QUESTIONS

Dealers participating in the Remote Experience Program:

• Refer to Electronic Field Communication - EFC12071 2023 Remote Experience Program.

Dealers NOT participating in the 2023 Remote Experience Program:

- For questions and assistance, contact the Special Service Support Center (SSSC) via the SSSC Web Contact Site. Work with the Dealership warranty administrator to create an SSSC contact ID#.
- Once an SSSC agent responds to the new contact ID#, you may opt to call the SSSC hotline: (800) 325-5621.

# **OASIS ACTIVATION**

OASIS will be activated on August 22, 2023.

# **FSA VIN LISTS ACTIVATION**

FSA VIN Lists will be available through <a href="https://web.fsavinlists.dealerconnection.com">https://web.fsavinlists.dealerconnection.com</a> by August 31, 2023. Owner names and addresses will be available by November 24, 2023.

**NOTE:** Your FSA VIN Lists may contain owner names and addresses obtained from motor vehicle registration records. The use of such motor vehicle registration data for any purpose other than in connection with this recall is a violation of law in several states, provinces, and countries. Accordingly, you must limit the use of this listing to the follow-up necessary to complete this recall.

#### **SOLD VEHICLES**

- Ford has not issued instructions to stop selling/delivering or driving used vehicles under this safety recall. Owners should contact their dealers for an appointment to have their vehicles remedied as soon as practicable.
- Once parts become available to fully support this FSA, immediately contact any of your
  affected customers whose vehicles are not on your VIN list but are identified in OASIS. Give
  the customer a copy of the Owner Notification Letter (when available) and schedule a service
  date.
- Correct other affected vehicles identified in OASIS which are brought to your dealership.
- Dealers are to prioritize repairs of customer vehicles over repairs of new and used vehicle inventory.

#### **STOCK VEHICLES**

- Correct all affected units in your new vehicle inventory before delivery.
- Use OASIS to identify any affected vehicles in your used vehicle inventory.

### **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 or compliance recall. Please consult your legal counsel for legal advice.

#### **BRANDED / SALVAGED TITLE VEHICLES**

Affected branded / salvaged title vehicles are eligible for this recall.

#### OWNER REFUNDS

- This safety recall must still be performed, even if the owner has paid for a previous repair. Claiming a refund will not close the recall on the vehicle.
- Ford Motor Company is offering a refund for owner-paid repairs covered by this recall if the repair was performed before the date indicated in the reimbursement plan, which is posted with this bulletin. Owners are directed to seek reimbursement through authorized dealers or, at their option, directly through Ford Motor Company at P.O. Box 6251, Dearborn, MI 48121-6251.
- Dealers are also pre-approved to refund owner-paid <u>emergency</u> repairs that were performed away from an authorized servicing dealer after the end date specified in the reimbursement plan. Non-covered repairs, or those judged by Ford to be excessive, will not be reimbursed.
- Refunds will only be provided for the cost associated with replacing the rear lightbar due to water ingress.

#### **RENTAL VEHICLES**

Rental vehicles are not approved for this program.

# PICK-UP AND DELIVERY- Participating Dealers

Dealers participating in the Remote Experience Program:

 Refer to EFC12071, 2023 Remote Experience Program, Pickup & Delivery (PDL) Offset section for additional details.

#### PICK-UP AND DELIVERY- Non-participating Dealers

Dealers not participating in the 2023 Remote Experience Program for Pick-up & Delivery are authorized to claim unique services for completing this program.

- Dealers are authorized to claim one-half labor hour per repair for vehicle pick-up & delivery services. Refer to Labor Allowances for details.
- Dealers must retain a Vehicle Pick-up & Delivery Record with the repair order documentation.

### **ADDITIONAL REPAIR (LABOR TIME AND/OR PARTS)**

Additional repairs identified as necessary to complete the FSA should be managed as follows:

- For related damage and access time requirements, refer to the Warranty and Policy Manual / Section 6 – Ford & Lincoln Program Policies / General Information & Special Circumstances for FSAs / Related Damage.
- For vehicles within new vehicle bumper-to-bumper warranty coverage, no SSSC approval is required, although related damage must be on a separate repair line with the "Related Damage" radio button checked.
  - o Ford vehicles 3 years or 36,000 miles
- For vehicles outside new vehicle bumper-to-bumper warranty coverage, submit an Approval Request to the SSSC Web Contact Site before completing the repair.

#### **CLAIMS PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION**

- Claim Entry: Enter claims using Dealer Management System (DMS) or One Warranty Solution (OWS) online.
  - When entering claims, select claim type 31: Field Service Action. The FSA number 23S30 is the subcode.
  - For additional claims preparation and submission information, refer to the Recall and Customer Satisfaction Program (CSP) Repairs in the OWS User Guide.
- Related Damage/Additional labor and/or parts: Must be claimed as Related Damage on a separate repair line from the FSA with the same claim type and subcode as described in Claim Entry above.

**IMPORTANT:** Click the Related Damage Indicator radio button.

- **Refunds:** Submit refunds on a separate repair line.
  - Program Code: 23S30
     Misc. Expense: ADMIN
     Misc. Expense: 0.2 Hrs.
  - o Multiple refunds should be submitted on one repair line and the invoice details for each repair should be detailed in the comments section of the claim.

### Pickup & Delivery:

- Dealers participating in the Remote Experience Program
  - Refer to EFC12071, 2023 Remote Experience Program, Pickup & Delivery (PDL) Offset section for additional details.
- Dealers NOT participating in the Remote Experience Program
  - Dealers are authorized to claim one-half labor hour per repair for vehicle pickup and delivery services.
  - Dealers must retain a Vehicle Pick-up and Delivery Record with the repair order documentation.

#### Mobile Repair:

- Dealers participating in the Remote Experience Program
  - Refer to Electronic Field Communication EFC12071 2023 Remote Experience Program.
- Dealers NOT participating in the Remote Experience Program
  - Mobile repair allowances can be claimed for dealer-performed mobile repairs. Dealers that are working with Ford-contracted mobile repair companies should refer to those companies for claiming instructions.
  - For dealer-performed mobile repairs, retain a copy of the Service Management signed record with the repair order documentation.
  - Claim the mobile repair allowance Labor Operation Code 23S30MM along with the applicable Labor Operation Code for the repair (refer to the Labor Allowances table in Labor Allowances and Parts Ordering Information).

# **LABOR ALLOWANCES**

Description	Labor Operation	Labor Time
Replace rear lightbar (includes time for new module initialization, configuration and 360 camera alignment)	23S30B	1.0 Hours
Mobile Service:		
This allowance is only for <u>non-eligible</u> 2023 Remote Experience Program Dealers.		
Can be used when the repair takes place away from the dealership	23S30MM	0.5 Hours
If Additional Time is Required Due to Travel, Please Submit an SSSC Approval Form		
Vehicle Pick-up and Delivery Allowance:		
This allowance is only for non-eligible 2023 Remote Experience Program Dealers.  NOTE: This allowance is for dealer-performed vehicle pick-up/delivery for dealership repairs only. Can only be claimed once, regardless of outstanding FSAs repaired.	23S30PP	0.5 Hours

# PARTS REQUIREMENTS / ORDERING INFORMATION

# **Special Program Part Ordering:**

To ensure an equitable distribution of service parts, there will be a **one-time** seed stock of part number NL3Z-13434-B to dealers beginning August 22, 2023. Each affected dealer will receive a very limited quantity of the rear lightbar without camera, part number NL3Z-13434-B.

To place an order for NL3Z-13434-B submit a VIN-specific Part Order contact via the SSSC Web Contact Site. Due to limited part availability an open RO will be required.

Part Number	Description		Claim Quantity
NL3Z-13434-B	Rear lightbar without camera	1	1

Dealers will be notified via a DOES II communication if circumstances warrant a change in part supply strategy and when open ordering resumes.

# Order the parts below through normal order processing channels:

Part Number	Description	Order Quantity	Claim Quantity
JU5Z-14A163-C	Lightbar push pin retainer (1 per package)	6	6
ML3Z-9941018-AC	Tailgate moulding	1 As Needed (If Damaged)	1 As Needed (If Damaged)
N807673-S	Tailgate moulding push pin retainer (1 per package)	As Needed (If Damaged)	As Needed (If Damaged)

To guarantee the shortest delivery time, an emergency order for parts must be placed.

#### **DEALER PRICE**

For the latest prices, refer to DOES II.

#### PARTS RETENTION, RETURN, & SCRAPPING

Follow the provisions of the Warranty and Policy Manual, Section 1 - WARRANTY PARTS RETENTION AND RETURN POLICIES. If a replaced part receives a scrap disposition, the part must be scrapped by all applicable local, state, and federal environmental protection and hazardous material regulations. Federal law prohibits selling motor vehicle parts or components that are under safety, compliance, or emissions recall.

# **EXCESS STOCK RETURN**

The excess stock returned for credit must have been purchased from Ford Customer Service Division by Policy Procedure Bulletin 4000.

#### REPLACED FSA PARTS INSPECTION AND SIGN OFF

Effective March 1<sup>st,</sup> 2021, all parts replaced as part of an FSA repair with a repair order open date of March 1<sup>st,</sup> 2021, or later must be inspected and signed off on the repair order by a member of your dealer fixed operations management team or an employee of the task has been delegated to. If the task is to be delegated to a non-management employee, the employee needs to be someone other than the technician who completed the repair and needs to understand the importance of completing this task consistently and accurately.

- All parts replaced as part of an FSA repair should be returned to the parts department following the Warranty Parts Retention and Return Policies.
- Inspect the replaced parts to verify the FSA repair was completed.
- If the FSA repair is found to be complete, the designated employee signs the repair order line or parts return stamp area (electronic or hand signed) for the FSA repair indicating the parts were inspected and validated to have been replaced.
- After the parts have been inspected, they should be handled based on the guidance in the
  parts status report in the Online Warranty System (Hold, Return, CORE, Scrap, etc.). Please
  visit FMCDEALER > PARTS & SERVICE > WARRANTY ADMINISTRATION & WARRANTY
  PARTS RETURN for the latest Immediate Scrap List information.
- This process is subject to review during warranty audits for FSA repairs with a repair order open date of March 1<sup>st,</sup> 2021, or later. Any eligible FSA claims requiring parts replacement found not to have been inspected and signed off during a warranty audit will be subject to chargeback and consideration for enrollment into the Dealer Incomplete Recall Repair Process.

**Note**: Other approvals (electronic or handwritten) for add-on repair lines, dealer-owned vehicle repairs, and repeat repairs do not qualify as FSA parts inspection approvals. The post-repair FSA parts inspection process (electronic or handwritten) is independent of other warranty approval requirements. The approval by the designated employee implies that the FSA parts were found to be replaced and must be able to be identified on the Repair Order. If multiple FSAs require approval on a single Repair Order, each applicable occurrence will require individual post-repair approval by the designated employee.