

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

# 21V-592

**Manufacturer Name :** Ford Motor Company**Submission Date :** JUL 30, 2021**NHTSA Recall No. :** 21V-592**Manufacturer Recall No. :** 21C18**Manufacturer Information :**

Manufacturer Name : Ford Motor Company

Address : 330 Town Center Drive

Suite 500 Dearborn MI 48126-2738

Company phone : 1-866-436-7332

**Population :**

Number of potentially involved : 42,493

Estimated percentage with defect : 1 %

**Vehicle Information :**

Vehicle 1 : 2021-2022 Ford Transit

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : ALL

Power Train : GAS

**Descriptive Information :** Ford's team reviewed supplier process and maintenance records to determine the population of affected parts. The Ford process is capable of tracing seat belt assembly lot production to the vehicles in which the seat belt assembly is installed.

Affected vehicles are equipped with suspect front passenger seat belt retractors.

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.

2021/2022 Ford Transit = 37064

Production Dates : JAN 12, 2021 - JUL 12, 2021

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

 Not sequential

Vehicle 2 : 2021-2021 Ford Transit Connect  
Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES  
Body Style : ALL  
Power Train : GAS

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2021 Ford Transit Connect = 5429

Production Dates : NOV 27, 2020 - MAR 15, 2021

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

Not sequential

## Description of Noncompliance :

**Description of the Noncompliance :** On some of the affected vehicles, the front passenger seat belt automatic locking retractor (ALR) may not function as intended resulting in early deactivation of locking feature used to tightly secure a child restraint system. Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) 208 S7.1.1.5, requires each designated seating position, except the driver's position, to have "a seat belt assembly whose lap belt portion is lockable so that the seat belt assembly can be used to tightly secure a child restraint system."

FMVSS 1 : 208 - Occupant crash protection

FMVSS 2 : NR

**Description of the Safety Risk :** In the affected vehicles, the front passenger seatbelt retractor automatic locking feature may deactivate early after the seatbelt is fully pulled out of the retractor, possibly preventing a child seat from being properly secured increasing the risk of injury in a crash to the occupant of the child restraint seat.

**Description of the Cause :** Certain front passenger seat belt automatic locking retractors may have been assembled with dimensionally out of tolerance components.

**Identification of Any Warning that can Occur :** A vehicle owner securing a child restraint seat may notice that the audible clicking noise made when the ALR function is activated stops well before the seat belt webbing is fully retracted.

## Involved Components :

Component Name 1 : Seat Belt Assembly

Component Description : Front Passenger Seat Belt Assembly

Component Part Number : KT1B-1761294-A

Component Name 2 : Seat Belt Assembly

Component Description : Front Passenger Seat Belt Assembly

Component Part Number : LK41-1461294-A/B/D/E

## Supplier Identification :

### Component Manufacturer

Name : Autoliv KFT

Address : Iskola UTCA 38  
Sopronkove SD Foreign States 9483

Country : Hungary

## Chronology :

Chronology is provided as an attachment.

## Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : Owners will be notified by mail and instructed to take their vehicle to a Ford or Lincoln dealer to have the Front Passenger Seat Belt Assembly inspected for part number/date code and replace seat belt assembly as required. There will be no charge for this service.  
Ford is excluding reimbursement for costs because the original warranty program would provide for a free repair for this concern.

Ford will forward a copy of the notification letters to dealers to the agency when available.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : Remedy Front Passenger Seat Belt Assemblies were produced with components that meet specifications.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : Sub supplier changed injection molding parameters and measurement method on 7th January 2021.

**Recall Schedule :**

Description of Recall Schedule : Notification to dealers is expected to occur on September 10, 2021 (Advance Notice only). Mailing of owner notification letters is expected to begin September 13, 2021 and is expected to be completed by September 17, 2021.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : SEP 10, 2021 - SEP 10, 2021

Planned Owner Notification Date : SEP 13, 2021 - SEP 17, 2021

\* NR - Not Reported