

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

23V-358

Manufacturer Name : Ford Motor Company**Submission Date :** MAY 18, 2023**NHTSA Recall No. :** 23V-358**Manufacturer Recall No. :** 23C16**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 : 175,550

Estimated percentage with defect : 100 %

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2021-2023 FORD BRONCO

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : SUV

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : Affected vehicles are built with the 5-Door body style. Vehicles built between September 23, 2020, and May 9, 2023, may fail to conform to S7.4.4 "Latch Plate Access" of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 208, "Occupant Crash Protection."

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.

- 39,302 2021 Model Year 5-Door Bronco vehicles are affected.
- 88,704 2022 Model Year 5-Door Bronco vehicles are affected.
- 47,544 2023 Model Year 5-Door Bronco vehicles are affected.

Production Dates : SEP 23, 2020 - MAY 09, 2023

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

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Description of the Noncompliance : Ford Motor Company has determined that certain 2021 model year through 2023 model year Ford Bronco vehicles fail to conform to S7.4.4 "Latch Plate Access" of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 208, "Occupant Crash Protection." The first row seat belt latch plates, when stowed, are in a position that is noncompliant to S7.4.4 of FMVSS No. 208.

FMVSS 1 : 208 - Occupant crash protection

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : The customer may experience some dissatisfaction or be discouraged if they are unable to easily access the seat belt latch in its stowed position. Driving without the use of a seatbelt increases the risk of injury in a crash.

Description of the Cause : The stowed position of the latch plate, as determined by the seat belt webbing sewn loop, is in a position that does not have enough space between the seat back and the interior trim to allow the test block unhindered access to the latch plate.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : The occupant will not receive any advanced warning due to the nature of the failure mechanism.

Involved Components :

Component Name 1 : Driver Seat Belt

Component Description : Driver Seat Belt

Component Part Number : MB3B 58612D64 ADW

Component Name 2 : Passenger Seat Belt

Component Description : Passenger Seat Belt

Component Part Number : MB3B 58612D65 ADW

Component Name 3 : Driver Seat Belt

Component Description : Driver Seat Belt – Raptor

Component Part Number : N2DV 58612D64 ACW

Component Name 4 : Passenger Seat Belt

Component Description : Passenger Seat Belt – Raptor

Component Part Number : N2DV 58612D65 ACW

Supplier Identification :

Component Manufacturer

Name : NR
Address : NR
NR
Country : NR

Chronology :

On May 4, 2023, NHTSA informed Ford Motor Company that the 2023 model year 5-door Bronco vehicle NHTSA acquired for a compliance audit was potentially non-compliant to FMVSS No. 208 Section 7.4.4 "Latch Plate Access" for the front row outboard seating positions. On May 5, 2023, Ford's Critical Concern Review Group (CCRG) opened an investigation into the concern.

The Ford Automotive Safety Office and Engineering teams reviewed internal Compliance Demonstration Reports and examined the photographic evidence submitted for FMVSS No. 208 Section 7.4.4. The Engineering team also organized a physical evaluation of Bronco vehicles of the appropriate vintage and body style. The documentation review and physical evaluation appeared to confirm the findings from NHTSA's Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance. Ford is still investigating the causal factors related to the noncompliance.

As of May 10, 2023, Ford is not aware of any customer warranty or field reports of seat belt latch plate accessibility concerns.

On May 12, 2023, Ford's Field Review Committee reviewed the concern and approved a field action.

Ford is not aware of any reports of accident or injury related to this condition.

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 a sliding clip latch stop (barrette clip) added to the driver and front passenger seat belts. An Owner's Manual addendum with instructions on appropriate use of the sliding clip will also be provided. There will be no charge for this service.

Ford provided the general reimbursement plan for the cost of remedies paid for by vehicle owners prior to notification of a safety recall in May 2021. The ending date for reimbursement eligibility is estimated to be June 26, 2024.

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

How Remedy Component Differs The Driver and Front Passenger seat belts (MB3B-58612D64-ADW, MB3B-58612D65-ADW, N2DV-58612D64-ACW, N2DV-58612D65-ACW)

from Recalled Component : will have a sliding clip latch stop (barrette clip) installed which will place the latch plate into a compliant position.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : NR

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : Notification to dealers is expected to occur on June 26, 2023 . Mailing of owner notification letters is expected to begin June 30, 2023 and is expected to be completed by July 6, 2023.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : JUN 26, 2023 - JUN 26, 2023

Planned Owner Notification Date : JUN 30, 2023 - JUL 06, 2023

* NR - Not Reported