

U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

25V397

Manufacturer Name: Ford Motor Company

Submission Date: Jun 13, 2025

NHTSA Recall No.: 25V397

Manufacturer Recall No.: 25S64

Manufacturer Information

Population

Manufacturer Name: Ford Motor Company

Address: 330 Town Center Drive

Suite 500

Dearborn MI, 48126-2738

Total number of potentially involved: 27,768

Estimated percentage with defect: 2%

Vehicle Information

Vehicle 1: 2025-2025 FORD BRONCO

Product Category: Light Vehicles

Product Type: Multipurpose Passenger Vehicle

Fuel / Propulsion: Spark Ignition Fuel

Production Dates: Jan 21, 2025 - Apr 29, 2025

Number of potentially involved: 27,768

Descriptive Information:

This condition affects certain Bronco vehicles equipped with four doors. Child safety locks are on the rear edge of the rear doors on Bronco four-door vehicles. Bronco vehicles equipped with two doors do not have child safety locks.

Ford's team reviewed plant records to determine the population of affected parts. The child safety locks on left rear doors of Bronco vehicles built between January 21, 2025, and April 29, 2025, may not function as intended due to potential binding or interference internal to the child safety lock mechanism.

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.

27,768 Bronco vehicles are affected.

Defect / Noncompliance Description

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Description of the defect or noncompliance:

The left-hand rear door may be opened from the inside of the vehicle when the child safety lock is in the "ON" position. Proper function of the child safety lock prevents opening of the rear door from inside the vehicle with the child safety lock "ON."

FMVSS1:

FMVSS2:

Description of the safety risk, including crash, fire, death, injury:

The left-hand rear door may be opened from the inside of the vehicle, despite indication of the child safety lock in the "ON" position, increasing the risk of injury to an unrestrained second row occupant.

Description of the cause:

The left-hand side rear door child lock latch exhibits dimensional interference to inner door components, which causes distortion within the child lock latch mechanism, leading to malfunction of the child lock.

Identification of any warning that can occur:

None

Component Manufacturer

Tier of Supplier:

Supplier Type: OEM

Name: Ford Motor Company

Address: 1 American Road

Dearborn MI, 48126

Country: United States

Involved Components

Component Name 1: Side Door Latch

Component Description: MY 25 LH Rear Side Door Latch LH

Component Part Number: R2DB-S264B53-AC

Chronology

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On **May 1, 2025**, an issue pertaining to inoperative left-hand side (LHS) rear child locks on 2025 Ford Bronco 4-door vehicles was brought to Ford's Critical Concern Review Group (CCRG) for review.

On April 26, 2025, a Ford Consumer Product Audit at the Michigan Assembly Plant (MAP) identified an inoperative LHS rear child lock on a 2025 Ford Bronco 4-door vehicle. The LHS rear door was opened using the inside handle with the child safety lock in the "ON" position. Proper function of the child safety lock prevents opening the rear doors from inside the vehicle with the child safety lock "ON."

The CCRG investigation determined that, beginning on January 21, 2025, some parts had been produced out of specification. Over time, the manufacturing process for positioning the left-hand rear door inner latch attachment conical hole position had drifted to the edge of the tolerance band. Additionally, the dimensional environment for the door latch was found to have some portions of the population out of specification. The CCRG determined that, in combination, these conditions can result in binding or interference internal to the child safety lock mechanism leading to a malfunction.

An ongoing audit of vehicles at MAP found that this internal binding or interference concern only affected rear left-hand doors because the right-hand doors have greater clearance between the latch and door environment. No child lock concerns have been found on rear right-hand doors.

Ford is not aware of any warranty, field or customer reports related to this concern.

On June 6, 2025, 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.

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Description of Remedy

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Consumer Advisories: Do Not Drive Park Outside

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 child safety locks inspected and the rear door latch replaced if necessary. There will be no charge for this service.

How remedy component differs from recalled component:

A left-hand rear door latch assembly (R2DB-S264B53-AC) will be installed in the left-hand rear door with sufficient clearance to prevent potential binding or interference internal to the child safety lock mechanism.

Identify how/when recall condition was corrected in production:

Not required per 49 Part 573.

Reimbursement Plan

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Manufacturer used general reimbursement plan on file.

Recall Schedule

Description of recall schedule:					
Notification to dealers is expected to occur on June 16, 2025. Mailing of remedy owner notification letters is expected to begin June 23, 2025, and is expected to be completed by June 27, 2025. The date VINs are planned to be searchable is June 16, 2025.					
Planned Dealer Notification Date: Jun 16, 2025 - Jun 16, 2025	☐ No Dealers				
Planned Interim Owner Notification Date:	☐ No Owners				
Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date: Jun 23, 2025 - Jun 27, 2025	☐ Phased Recall				
Date when VIN will be searchable: Jun 16, 2025					