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**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215SM
15V-789

Subject: Park Pawl may Fracture Due to Being Overloaded

Dear Mr. Fronckowiak:

This letter serves to acknowledge Ford Motor Company's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

FORD/F-650 SD/2016

Mfr's Report Date: November 20, 2015

NHTSA Campaign Number: 15V-789

Components:

POWER TRAIN:AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION:GEAR POSITION INDICATION (PRNDL)
STEERING:COLUMN

Potential Number of Units Affected: 13

Problem Description:

Ford Motor Company (Ford) is recalling certain model year 2016 F-650 trucks manufactured July 29, 2015, to September 3, 2015. The affected vehicles may have been built with an incorrect Park-Reverse-Neutral-Drive-Manual (PRNDM) steering column, instead of Reverse-Neutral-Drive-Manual (RNDM) steering column. If the vehicle has the incorrect steering column, is parked on a hill, and the PRNDM placed in "P", park pawl may fracture due to being overloaded.

Consequence:

If the park pawl fractures, the vehicle may unexpectedly move, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Ford will notify owners, and dealers will replace the PRNDM steering column with the correct RNDM steering column, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin January 11, 2016. Owners may contact Ford customer service at 1-866-436-7332. Ford's number for this recall is 15S35.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

We have received Ford's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Sarah Mcshane who may be reached by phone at 202-366-7401, or by email at sarah.mcshane@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian".

Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement