

VEHICLE SAFETY/POLLUTION RECALL CAMPAIGN IN JAPAN

Domestic/Import Vehicles

CAMPAIGN No.	Gai-3443	DATE	Jul. 15. 2022
MANUFACTURER	Ford Motor Company		
DESCRIPTION OF DEFECT	<p>SAFETY RECALL: Explorer Rear Toe Link Inspection/Replacement</p> <p>Some of the affected vehicles that have had one (or both) rear wheel knuckle(s) replaced and were sold or operated in certain traditional corrosion areas where road salt is used extensively during winter months, may experience a seized toe link ball joint resulting in a fracture of the outboard section of the rear suspension toe link. A seized toe link ball joint can increase bending stresses in the toe link outboard of the turnbuckle. Rear toe link fracture while driving could result in unusual vehicle handling characteristics, or difficulty controlling the vehicle, and may increase the risk of a crash.</p> <p>Dealers are to inspect the rear toe link bushing to see if they have been replaced. If the toe link bushing has been replaced with a ball joint, dealers are to replace both rear suspension toe links with latest level parts, check alignment, and adjust rear toe. This service must be performed on all affected vehicles at no charge to the vehicle owner.</p>		

TYPE	COMMERCIAL NAME	MODEL YEAR RECALLED	NUMBER OF VEHICLE
ABA-1FMHK8	Explorer 3.5L AWD	2011 - 2013	1616 units
ABA-1FMHK9	Explorer 2.0L FWD	2011 - 2013	600 units
		TOTAL	2216 units