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## NHTSA Recalls of Interest September 2, 2013

### RECALL Subject : Steering Column Lower Bearing May Separate , 1 INVESTIGATION(S)

**Report Receipt Date:** AUG 29, 2013  
**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 13V385000  
**Component(s):** STEERING  
**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 355,000

#### All Products Associated with this Recall

Vehicle Make Model Model Year(s)

- FORD CROWN VICTORIA 2005-2011
- LINCOLN TOWN CAR 2005-2011
- MERCURY GRAND MARQUIS 2005-2011

#### Details

#### 3 Associated Documents

**Manufacturer:** Ford Motor Company

#### SUMMARY:

Ford is recalling certain model year 2005-2011 Ford Crown Victoria (including Crown Victoria Police Interceptors), Mercury Grand Marquis, and Lincoln Town Car vehicles. The affected vehicles are currently registered or were originally sold in Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. Severe corrosion can seize the lower intermediate shaft which may cause the upper intermediate shaft to collapse and the steering column lower bearing to separate.

#### CONSEQUENCE:

If the lower bearing separates, the vehicle may experience a loss of steering, increasing the risk of a crash.

**REMEDY:**

Ford will notify owners and dealers will replace the lower intermediate shaft, free of charge. The upper intermediate shaft and steering column lower bearing will be inspected to identify any damage that may have occurred as a result of lower intermediate shaft corrosion, and repaired or replaced as necessary. If the steering column lower bearing has separated, a retainer clip will be installed. The recall is expected to begin October 21, 2013. Owners may contact Ford at 1-866-436-7332. Ford's recall number is 13S08.

**NOTES:**

Customers located in non-corrosion states who have concerns regarding their steering will have a one-time option to have their vehicles inspected and, if necessary, repaired. Owners of these vehicles should contact Ford directly

**RECALL Subject : Possible Toe Crush in Flip Seat**

**Report Receipt Date:** AUG 16, 2013  
**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 13V371000  
**Component(s):** SEATS  
**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 100

**All Products Associated with this Recall** 

**Vehicle Make Model Model Year(s)**

- TCI DW6159RLSST 2008-2009
- TCI SC159DSFP600 2010

**Details** 

**1 Associated Document** 

**Manufacturer:** Transportation Collaborative, Inc.

**SUMMARY:**

Transportation Collaborative Inc. (TCI) is recalling certain model year TransTech 2008-2009 DW6159RLSST and 2010 SC159DSFP600 school buses equipped with C.E. White-brand flip-seat systems installed in front of other passenger seats.

**CONSEQUENCE:**

When a Flip Seat is installed in front of another passenger seat, it is possible for the occupant of the rearward passenger seat to insert their toes and/or foot into the lower frame area of the Flip Seat. When a vehicle passenger occupies the Flip Seat, pushing the seat bottom downward to the horizontal position to sit in the seat, the occupant of the rearward seat could suffer a pinch point injury to their toes and/or foot.

**REMEDY:**

TCI will notify owners and C.E. White Corporation will work with the owners to provide a remedy free of charge. The recall is expected to begin by early September 2013. Owners may contact TCI at 1-845-988-2333.

