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Introduction

Ford Motor Company has assembled this guide to assist vehicle modifiers in producing a safe and quality vehicle. Ford believes safety and quality come first. To achieve customer satisfaction, we want to assist modifiers in achieving the highest standards of safety and quality in their vehicles.

This guide is divided into topics specific to vehicle modifiers. References are made to the current C-Max Hybrid/C-Max Energi Workshop Manual for appropriate service procedures, torque specifications, component separation clearances and any other standard information common to an unmodified vehicle. Specifications unique to this guide are designated.

This modifier guide is not a "how-to" book; it should be used as a checklist to help make sure that certain important steps in the modification process are considered. While Ford is providing this information to assist modifiers, it does not warrant the vehicles, methods, materials or the workmanship of the modifier. Ford also does not warrant against failures that result from the modification of a vehicle.

Following the guidelines contained in this guide does not assure individual modifiers that the products they modify comply with US Federal or Canadian Motor Vehicle Safety Standards in effect at the time of the modification. The guidelines set forth are based on engineering analysis of typical vehicles. If the guidelines are followed, the modifier's efforts in certifying vehicles to applicable standards should be aided. Compliance testing that may be required for certification of specific vehicle configurations or construction is the sole responsibility of the individual modifier.

Genuine Ford Accessories For Your Vehicle

A wide selection of genuine Ford accessories are available for your vehicle through your local authorized Ford or Ford of Canada dealer. These quality accessories have been specifically engineered to fulfill your automotive needs; they are custom designed to complement the style and aerodynamic appearance of your vehicle. In addition, each accessory is made from high-quality materials that meet or exceed Ford's rigorous engineering and safety specifications. Ford Motor Company will repair or replace any properly installed genuine Ford accessory found to be defective in factory-supplied materials or workmanship during the warranty period, as well as any component damaged by the defective accessory. The accessory will be warranted for whichever provides you the greatest benefit:

- 12 months or 20,000 km (12,000 mi), whichever occurs first; or
- the remainder of your new vehicle limited warranty.

This means that genuine Ford accessories purchased along with your new vehicle and installed by the dealer are covered for the full length of your new vehicle's limited warranty — 3 years or 60,000 km (36,000 mi), whichever occurs first. Contact your dealer for details and a copy of the warranty.

Considerations When Using or Installing Accessories

For maximum vehicle performance, keep the following information in mind when adding accessories or equipment to your vehicle:

- When adding accessories, equipment, passengers and/or luggage to your vehicle, do not exceed the gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) or gross axle weight rating (GAWR) as indicated on the Safety Compliance Certification Label. Consult your dealer for specific weight information.
- The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and Canadian Radio Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) regulates the use of mobile communication systems, such as 2-way radios, telephones and theft alarms that are equipped with radio transmitters. Any such equipment installed in your vehicle should comply with FCC or CRTC regulations and should only be installed by a qualified service technician.
- Mobile communication systems may harm the operation of your vehicle, particularly if they are not properly designed for automotive use.
- To avoid interference with other vehicle functions, such as the anti-lock brake system (ABS), amateur radio users who install radios and antennas onto their vehicle should not locate the antenna in the area of the driver's side hood.
- Electrical or electronic accessories or components that are added to the vehicle by the dealer or the owner may adversely affect battery performance and durability.
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Section 1: General Information

Important Safety Notice

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Appropriate repair methods and procedures are essential for the safe, reliable operation of all motor vehicles as well as the personal safety of the individual doing the work. This guide provides general direction and guidelines for performing modifications to the C-Max Hybrid and C-Max Energi vehicles, it will also help assure reliability.

There are numerous variations in procedures, techniques, tools and parts for modifying vehicles, as well as in the skill level of the individual doing the work. This guide cannot possibly anticipate all such variations and provide advice or cautions as to each. Accordingly, anyone who departs from the instructions provided in this guide must first establish that they compromise neither their personal safety nor the vehicle integrity by the choice of methods, tools or parts.

Warnings, Notices and Notes

As you read through this guide, you will come across WARNINGS, NOTICES and NOTES. Each one is there for a specific purpose. WARNINGS remind you to be especially careful in those areas where carelessness can cause you personal injury. NOTICES are given to prevent you from making an error that could damage the vehicle or the vehicle’s components. NOTES give you added information that will help you to complete a particular procedure. The following list contains some generalized warnings that you should follow when working on a vehicle.

⚠️ WARNING:

- The nominal voltage of the high-voltage traction battery (HVTB) is approximately 300 volts DC. The HVTB and its charging system contain high-voltage components and wiring. High-voltage cables and wiring are orange in color. Before carrying out any vehicle modifications, the high-voltage traction battery (HVTB) must be depowered. Any modification, service, or repairs to the High-voltage system or its components, must be done by a trained service technician. Failure to follow these instructions may result in severe personal injury or death.
- For eye protection, always wear safety glasses.
- Use safety stands whenever a procedure requires you to be under the vehicle.
- Make sure that the ignition switch is always in the OFF position, unless otherwise required by the procedure.
- Set the parking brake when working on the vehicle. The gear selector should be set in PARK unless instructed otherwise for a specific operation. Place wood blocks (4 inch x 4 inch or larger) against the front and rear surfaces of the tires to help prevent the vehicle from moving.
- To avoid the danger of carbon monoxide poisoning, operate the engine only in a well-ventilated area.
- To reduce the risk of serious burns, avoid contact with hot metal parts such as the radiator, exhaust manifold, tailpipe, catalytic converter or muffler.
- Keep yourself and your clothing away from moving parts when the engine is running, especially the drive belts.
- Do not smoke while working on a vehicle.
- To reduce the risk of injury, always remove rings, watches, loose hanging jewelry and loose clothing before working on a vehicle.
- When it is necessary to work under the hood, keep hands and other objects clear of the cooling fan blades.
- Failure to follow these instructions may result in personal injury or death.

NOTICE:

- Do not modify the cooling system in any manner. High-voltage vehicle components could possibly be damaged if any cooling system modifications are attempted.
- Do not install any type of accessory push/bull bar as it may restrict air flow into the system.
- Do not disable the air conditioning (A/C) system. The high-voltage traction battery (HVTB) cooling system utilizes the cabin air to cool the HVTB.
- Before placing the vehicle in a paint booth, make sure that the HVTB is not installed in the vehicle. In addition, the Charge Port Light Ring (CPLR) must be covered / protected from heat. High paint booth temperatures may damage the HVTB and the CPLR.
- Remove the service disconnect from the high-voltage traction battery (HVTB) while carrying out any vehicle modifications.

Making Safety Devices and Elements Inoperative
The vehicle contains many safety features required by US Federal or Canadian Motor Vehicle Safety Standards. These features, which include the key-on-ignition chime and brake lights, should never be disabled or modified.

CFR 49 Section 30122 states that “A manufacturer, distributor, dealer or motor vehicle repair business may not knowingly make inoperative any part of a device or element of design installed on or in a motor vehicle or motor vehicle's equipment in compliance with an applicable motor vehicle safety standard prescribed under this chapter unless the manufacturer, distributor, dealer or repair business reasonably believes the vehicle or equipment will not be used (except for testing or a similar purpose during maintenance or repair) when the device or element is inoperative.”

**Good Practices**

**Process and Quality Assurance Systems**

A formalized Process and Quality Assurance Systems check may be helpful in consistently producing high-quality products. An overview of some of the key items for such a system are outlined in this section.

**Quality Assurance**

Completed unit sign-off: All control items should be inspected with a written sign-off. All labels should be inspected and signed off, including verification that the information on the labels is correct. All appropriate systems should be checked for leaks. A road test should be performed to verify that all systems are operating correctly. All systems and functions that were provided by Ford should be checked to make sure that they function correctly after the build process.

The modifier’s Process and Quality Assurance Systems should also make sure that appropriate training is provided to the employees.

**Minimum and Maximum Screw Sizes**

When installing aftermarket equipment, avoid using fasteners that are too long for the application or are in an area which might damage vehicle components, including the low-voltage wiring, the high-voltage system including the HVTB and the (orange) high-voltage wiring/cables, brake lines, fuel tank and lines, powertrain components, HVAC components, exhaust system or suspension.

**Tires and Loading**

**Tire Replacement Requirements**

⚠️ **WARNING:**

Only use replacement tires and wheels that are the same size and type (such as P-metric versus LT-metric or all-season versus all-terrain) as those originally provided by Ford. Use of any tire or wheel not recommended by Ford can affect the safety and performance of your vehicle, which could result in an increased risk of the loss of vehicle control, vehicle rollover, personal injury or death. Additionally, the use of non-recommended tires and wheels could cause steering or suspension failure. If you have questions regarding tire replacement, see an authorized Ford or Lincoln dealer.

**NOTICE:**

Do not install an off road, aggressive tread or incorrectly sized tire. Any of these may cause elevated stress to the steering system. This can cause the power steering system to overheat and shut off the power assist, which can affect the safety and performance of your vehicle.

**NOTE:**

The C-Max Hybrid and C-Max Energi vehicles are equipped with a reduced rolling resistance tire design. The use of a different tire can affect the handling and fuel economy of the vehicle.

Because it can affect the safety and performance of your vehicle, which could result in an increase in risk of losing control of the vehicle, make sure all tires and wheels on the vehicle are the same size, type, tread design, brand, load-carrying capacity and speed rating.

**Using Snow Tires and Traction Devices**

**NOTE:**

Snow tires must be the same size and grade as originally equipped on your vehicle.

The tires on your vehicle have all-weather tread to provide traction in the rain and snow; however, in some climates, using snow tires or traction devices may be necessary.

Follow these guidelines when using snow tires and traction devices:

- SAE Class "S" cables should ONLY be used on the vehicle front tires.
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- Install cables or chains securely, verifying that the cables or chains do not touch any wiring or brake lines.
- Drive cautiously! If you hear the cables or chains rub or bang against the vehicle, stop and retighten them. If this does not work, remove the cables or chains to prevent vehicle damage.
- Avoid overloading your vehicle.
- Remove the cables or chains when they are no longer needed; do not use cables or chains on dry roads.
- Do not exceed 48 km/h (30 mph) with tire cables or chains on your vehicle.

Consult your dealer for information on other Ford approved methods of traction control.

Vehicle Loading

⚠️ WARNING:
The appropriate loading capacity of your vehicle can be limited either by volume capacity (how much space is available) or by payload capacity (how much weight the vehicle should carry). Once you have reached the maximum payload of your vehicle, do not add more cargo, even if there is space available. Overloading or improperly loading your vehicle can contribute to the loss of vehicle control and vehicle rollover.

⚠️ WARNING:
Exceeding the Safety Compliance Certification Label axle and/or vehicle weight rating limits could result in substandard vehicle handling or performance, engine, transmission and/or structural damage, serious damage to the vehicle, loss of control and personal injury.

Gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) is the maximum allowable weight of the fully loaded vehicle (including all options, equipment, passengers and cargo). The GVWR is shown on the Safety Compliance Certification Label located on the B-pillar or the edge of the driver's door.

Gross axle weight rating (GAWR) is the maximum allowable weight that can be carried by a single axle (front or rear). These numbers are shown on the Safety Compliance Certification Label located on the B-pillar or the edge of the driver's door. The total load on each axle must never exceed its GAWR.

⚠️ WARNING:
Do not use replacement tires with lower load carrying capacities than the original tires because they may lower the vehicle's gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) and gross axle weight rating (GAWR) limitations. Replacement tires with a higher limit than the originals do not increase the GVWR and GAWR limitations.

Steps for determining the correct load limit:
- Locate the statement "The combined weight of occupants and cargo should never exceed XXX kg or XXX lb" on your vehicle's placard.
- Determine the combined weight of the driver and passengers that will be riding in your vehicle.
- Subtract the combined weight of the driver and passengers from XXX kg or XXX lb.
- The resulting figure equals the available amount of cargo and luggage load capacity. For example, if the "XXX" amount equals 1,400 lb and there will be five 150 lb passengers in your vehicle, the amount of available cargo and luggage load capacity is 650 lb (1400 - 750 (5 x 150) = 650 lb). In metric units (635 - 340 (5 x 68) = 295 kg).
- Determine the combined weight of luggage and cargo being loaded on the vehicle. That weight may not safely exceed the available cargo and luggage load capacity calculated in the step above.

Vehicle Storage

Vehicle Storage — General

- Vehicles should be stored in a dry, ventilated place and protected from sunlight, if possible.
- If vehicles are stored outside, maintenance against rust and damage, as described below, is recommended.

NOTICE:
Keep all rubber parts free from oil and solvents.

Vehicle Storage — Electrical
**NOTICE:**
If your vehicle is to be stored for 30 days or longer, disconnect the low-voltage (underhood) battery negative terminal. Failure to do this could damage the vehicle's battery.

**NOTE:**
Extended storage time which results in the discharge of the low and/or high-voltage batteries, may result in the setting of DTCs and/or a no-start condition.

To maintain the high-voltage battery charge, charge the high-voltage batteries once a month. This maintains the high-voltage battery, but may not be enough to maintain the low-voltage (underhood) battery. Additional low-voltage (underhood) battery charging may be required after 60 days.

**Vehicle Storage — Body**
- Wash the vehicle thoroughly to remove any contaminants from the exterior surfaces and underside.
- Periodically wash vehicles stored in exposed locations.
- Touch up any exposed raw or primed metal to provide rust protection.
- Cover chrome and stainless steel parts with a thick coat of auto wax to prevent discoloration. Rewax as necessary when the vehicle is washed.
- Lubricate the hood hinges, door hinges and latches with a light-grade oil.
- Cover the interior soft trim to prevent fading.

**Vehicle Storage — Engine**
- Start the engine every month and run it until it reaches normal operating temperature.
- While pressing the brake pedal, shift the transmission through all the gears while the engine is idling.

**Vehicle Storage — Fuel System**
- Regularly move vehicles short distances to mix fuel anti-oxidation agents.

**NOTE:**
During extended periods of vehicle storage (60 days or more), gasoline may deteriorate due to oxidation. This can damage rubber and other polymers in the fuel system and may clog small orifices. A commercially gasoline fuel stabilizer (Sta-Bil® or equivalent) should be added to gasoline-powered vehicles whenever actual or expected storage periods exceed 60 days. The manufacturer's instructions packaged with the product should be followed. The vehicle should then be operated at an idle speed to circulate the additive throughout the fuel system.

**Vehicle Storage — Tires**
Most high-performance tires are made with nylon overlay.

As such, the following steps should be taken to avoid flat spots on the tires when the vehicle is not used for a period of time.
- Keep the vehicle's tire pressure at the recommended operating pressure.
- If the vehicle is stored for a period longer than 15 days, it should be moved several feet during each 15-day period so that a different portion of the tread contacts the ground.
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Electrical Basics
Throughout a vehicle, electricity is supplied through “hot” wires, comparable to the pressurized supply pipes of a plumbing system. At various points along the wires are electrical loads in the form of lights, switches and receptacles. Turning on a light switch is somewhat like opening a faucet to let water run: electricity flows through the hot wire to make the light illuminate. Once the electricity has done its work, its potential drops to zero, just as water loses pressure after flowing through a sink or laundry tub. The electrical system has drains, which are the ground wires that return the electricity to its source, just as a plumbing system has drain pipes through which water runs into the sewer mains or ground.

The lights or equipment, technically called the load, can be compared to a water wheel that remains motionless until a stream of water causes it to turn. A load consists of a resistance, a material that permits the passage of electricity, but only with difficulty and thereby creates heat. Resistance to electricity flowing through a wire can be compared to the resistance given to water flowing through a hose, as if the hose were to be squeezed, it would restrict the flow of water. A load may also be inductive, typically a motor with windings of copper wire, in which the magnetic fields generated by the electrical current creates motion. Here are some more examples of resistive loads: tungsten filament of an incandescent bulb; heating element of an electric heater in a coffee pot. The demand on an electrical system depends on the number of loads in operation and their consumption of energy, just as demands on a water system depend on how many faucets are opened and how wide they are opened.

The mechanics and physical fittings of the system are simple. Electricity moves throughout the vehicle in wires of different sizes, according to the electricity a circuit may have to carry.

Electrical Terms
VOLT is the unit of electrical potential, equal to the difference of electrical potential between 2 points in a circuit. It could be compared to the pressure, or the push, on the water to move it through a pipe.

AMPERE or AMPS is the unit used to measure the amount of electrical flow; the number of electrically charged particles called electrons that flow past a given point in a circuit. It is similar to measuring the amount of water flowing through a pipe at any given point. The larger the pipe is, the more water that can flow past one given point per second. Similarly, the bigger the wire is, the more electricity that can flow past a given point.

WATT is the unit of power. It indicates the rate a device converts electric current to another form of energy, either heat or motion. Or to put it another way, the rate at which a device converts energy.

The relationship of volts, amperes and watts to one another is expressed in a simple equation that enables you to make any calculations you may need for proper and safe electrical modifications to the vehicle. Volts x Amps = watts. If the current is at 12 volts and a device requires 4 amperes of current, the equation will read 12 volts x 4 amperes = 48 watts.

To figure the current needed for a device rated in watts, turn the equation around: Watts/volts = amperes. For example, if you have a piece of equipment, such as a communications radio, that uses 120 watts: 120 watts/12 volts = 10 amperes.

Control Modules — Red Area
Do not install any components into the control modules or module harness. Connecting into this system may affect control module operation. For example, connecting aftermarket electrical equipment into the brake light circuit or any other circuit which is connected to the PCM, anti-lock brake computer, air bag system or any other vehicle system will cause vehicle malfunction.

Controller Area Network (CAN) Bus

NOTICE:
Wiring faults in the controller area network (CAN) bus may shut down the vehicle and prevent further operation.

Do not splice or connect any equipment to the controller area network (CAN) bus wiring.

General Electrical Considerations

Communication Equipment
Mobile communication systems may harm vehicle operation, particularly if they are not properly designed for automotive use or are not properly installed. Citizen band (CB) transceivers, garage door openers and other transmitters whose power output is 5 watts or less will not ordinarily affect the operation of the vehicle.

Vehicle Speed Signal
The vehicle speed signal is sent from the PCM and is transmitted through the CAN bus. The BCM receives this signal and produces a hardwired frequency Mmodulated output. The BCM sources the Discreet_VSPD_Ckt which is the 8000 pulses per mile frequency output.
Disabling Brake Lights
Do not disable the brake light circuits for any reason.

Disabling the A/C System
Do not disable the A/C system. The cabin air is used to help cool the high-voltage traction battery (HVTB).

High and Low-Voltage Systems

**NOTICE:**
Do not backprobe or splice into the high-voltage system. Voltage in the system is approximately 300v DC. Damage may occur to equipment added to the system.

The high-voltage system has a floating ground. When the engine is operating or the vehicle is moving, the high-voltage generator begins to generate high voltage, AC electricity. High-voltage AC electricity can be consumed or generated by the motor generator, the traction motor or a combination of both motors. Excess high-voltage current is converted from high-voltage AC to high-voltage DC electrical power inside the motor generator unit and transmitted through the high-voltage (orange) cables. The high-voltage DC electrical power is converted to low-voltage DC electrical power through the DC/DC converter. This low-voltage DC electrical power is then supplied to the 12-volt battery through the low-voltage battery cables.

12 Volt Battery
The 12 volt battery is a standard automotive battery. It is a DC source connected in a negative ground system. The battery case is sealed, with 2 vent holes to release gases. The battery has 3 major functions:

- Storage of electricity for later use.
- Voltage stabilizer for the electrical system.
- Temporary power source when electrical loads exceed the DC/DC converter output current.

High-Voltage Traction Battery (HVTB)

**NOTICE:**
Do not backprobe, splice or repair the high-voltage (orange) wiring. Voltage in the system is approximately 300 volts DC. Damage may occur to equipment added to the system.

The high-voltage traction battery (HVTB) is a 300 volts DC source connected in a floating ground system. The battery receives, stores and delivers high-voltage electrical power when required by the vehicle control strategy. On the HVTB there is a battery energy control module (BECM). None of the BECM wiring should be tapped or spliced to check for battery voltage (power), ground or signals. There is also the bussed electrical center (BEC) which houses the contactors, current sensor and the associated components. The service disconnect is mounted between the BEC and the vehicle high voltage system and is used to disconnect the high-voltage from the vehicle system.

High-Voltage Traction Battery (HVTB) Systems Depowering

1. Position the vehicle in the repair bay.
2. Turn the ignition switch to the OFF position.
3. Fold the appropriate seat backrest down.

**NOTE:**
If the center safety belt retractor locks and the safety belt webbing prevents the 60 percent backrest from lowering, raise the backrest upward to release the safety belt retractor and the belt webbing.

The following steps will depower the high-voltage traction battery.
NOTE:
FHEV (HYBRID) BATTERY SHOWN.

- Remove the lever position assurance unit on the service disconnect by pulling the end of the lift tab toward front of vehicle.
- Pull service disconnect handle towards the center of the vehicle to disengage the interlock.
- Rotate the lever to it's horizontal position.
- Remove the high-voltage service disconnect.
- **NOTE:**
  Access the high-voltage service disconnect by lowering the rear seatback on the passenger side and removing the access cover located on the battery cover.
NOTE:

PHEV (ENERGI) BATTERY SHOWN.

- Remove the lever position assurance unit on the service disconnect by pulling the end of the lift tab toward front of vehicle.
- Pull service disconnect handle towards the center of the vehicle to disengage the interlock.
- Rotate the lever to it's horizontal position.
- Remove the high-voltage service disconnect.
- NOTE:
  Access the High-Voltage Service Disconnect by lowering the rear seatback on the passenger side and removing the access cover located on the battery cover.

4. Wait 5 minutes after the service disconnect has been removed before continuing service. This allows any residual voltage in the high-voltage system to dissipate.

5. To repower the system, reverse the depowering procedure.

DC/DC Converter

The DC/DC converter is an air-cooled component that converts high-voltage DC power to low-voltage DC power. It is located within the high-voltage battery pack and maintains an electrical isolation between the 2 DC power systems. This system converts the high voltage (approximately 300 volts) to low voltage (12 volts) which in turn, provides power to the vehicle low-voltage battery systems. The PCM controls the DC/DC converter operation through an enabled input from the PCM to the DC/DC converter.

DC/AC Inverter and AC Power Point (C-Max Hybrid and C-Max Energi only)

NOTE:
Do not keep an electrical device plugged into the power point when the device is not in use. It is not recommended to use any extension cord with the 110V AC power point, since it will defeat the safety protection design provided by the cap and twist tab. It will also cause the power point to overload due to powering multiple devices that can reach beyond the 150 watt load limit.

The DC/AC inverter converts 12-volt DC to 110-volt AC to power a device that uses AC with a rating of less than 150 watts. The power point automatically shunts off if the load exceeds 150 watts. This prevents damage to the inverter or load. The inverter supplies 110-volt AC power only when the key is in the ON/START position. This reduces the draw on the 12-volt system when the vehicle is not running. The DC/AC inverter outlet (AC power point) is equipped with a green LED that indicates the system integrity. The green LED illuminates continuously when the key is in the ON/START position and the system is operating normally. The green LED flashes constantly if the key is in the ON/START position and a fault is detected. Short circuits, overloads or overheating of the inverter causes the green LED to flash and the power to be cut off to the outlet. If the LED is flashing, the problem must be corrected. If the inverter has overheated, with no load connected, it must have time to cool off.

The power outlet is not designed for the following electric appliances; they may not work properly:

- Cathode ray tube-type televisions
- Motor loads, such as vacuum cleaners, electric saws and other electric power tools, compressor-driven refrigerators
- Measuring devices, which process precise data, such as medical equipment, measuring equipment
- Other appliances requiring an extremely stable power supply: microcomputer-controlled electric blankets, touch sensor lamps

**Auxiliary Power Point — 12V**

⚠️ **WARNING:**

The nominal high-voltage traction battery (HVTB) voltage is approximately 300 volts DC.

⚠️ **WARNING:**

The high-voltage traction battery (HVTB) and charging system contains high-voltage components and wiring. High-voltage cables and wiring are orange in color.

⚠️ **WARNING:**

Before carrying out any vehicle modifications, the high-voltage traction battery (HVTB) must be depowered. Failure to follow these instructions may result in severe personal injury or death.

**NOTICE:**

Power outlets are designed for accessory plugs only. Do not insert any other object in the power outlet as this will damage the outlet and blow the fuse. Do not hang any type of accessory or accessory bracket from the plug. Improper use of the power outlet can cause damage not covered by your warranty.

**NOTE:**

Do not use the power point for operating the cigarette lighter element (if equipped).

To prevent the fuse from being blown, do not use the power point(s) over the vehicle capacity of 12-VDC/180W.

To prevent the battery from being discharged, do not use the power point longer than necessary.

**Electrical Systems Management**

Care must be given in deciding what equipment should be installed into a vehicle given the power demands of the equipment and the power available from the vehicle. Develop a power load strategy to minimize the risk of running out of power. Examine the proposed equipment for vehicle installation. Add up the current requirements. If the current requirements exceed what the vehicle can reasonably be expected to provide, the battery begins discharging to provide the power to the equipment that the generator is unable to provide. After some period of time, the vehicle shuts off as the battery voltage decreases to a level that cannot sustain vehicle operation.

There are alternatives that can be considered to minimize system electrical overload. Consider the current requirements of equipment before it is purchased and installed. For example, modern light bars and radios use a fraction of the current than units made as recently as 1996. The light bar is the most power intensive unit installed on most vehicles, considerable attention should be given to its current requirement. Changes in driver habits can make a difference in the electrical system load and will impact available power as well. When a vehicle is sitting and no one is in the car, certain electrical equipment can be turned off until the driver is ready to get back into the vehicle.
Vehicle Component Electrical Loads

Vehicle component electrical loads are shown in the table below. Not all features are powered all the time, so actual vehicle loads on the power supply system will vary.

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The electric A/C compressor loads are included with the blower loads.

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Typical Vehicle Load = 95-110 Amps

Typical Police/Taxi Equipment

Loads for equipment commonly found on police vehicles are shown in the table below. Not all equipment will be operating at the same time, so actual loads on the power supply system will vary.

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General Guidelines

- Do not modify the cooling system in any manner. High-voltage vehicle components could possibly be damaged if any cooling system modifications are attempted.
- Do not install any type of accessory push/bull bar as it may restrict air flow into the cooling system.
- Do not disable the air conditioning (A/C) system. The high-voltage traction battery (HVTB) cooling system utilizes the cabin air to cool the HVTB.
- Do not backprobe, splice or repair the high-voltage system (orange) wiring/cables.
- Do not mount to or modify the high-voltage system (orange) wiring/cables in any way.
- Do not cut, weld or screw into the HVTB case or penetrate the batteries in any way.
- Air bag restraint systems must remain intact as received from Ford Motor Company. Before modifications are done to the vehicle, the system must be depowered by following the instructions provided in the current C-Max Hybrid/Energi Workshop Manual.
- Provide circuit protection (fuses) for all wiring. The fuse rating should not exceed either the rated wiring current capacity or the total current requirements for all the add-on components on the circuit. Install fuses as close to the point of tapped power as possible.
- Provide protective covering in all areas that could be damaged during normal equipment installations.
- Do not allow control panels attached to the instrument panel to protrude into the driver and passenger air bag deployment zones. For additional information, refer to Section 4: Reference in this guide.
- Do not install switches and gauges in the driver or passenger knee impact areas.
- Provide adequate retention for wiring harnesses so they are clear of bolts, corners or edges which could abrade the wires during normal vehicle operation.
- Properly secure all wiring relocated or removed while working behind the instrument panel to prevent chafing, squeaks and rattles.
- Anticipate misrouted wiring situations and protect all wiring from penetration by screws and raw edges.
- Weather-seal all electrical connectors exposed to the elements.
- Do not use quick splice connectors or wire nuts.
- Install the fuse panel so fuses are readily accessible.
- Make sure that connections are easily accessible for assembly and service.
- Inspect all Ford gauges, lights and switches for correct operation after instrument panel work is performed.
- Make sure submersible connectors do not lose their seals under extreme assembly conditions such as bending wires 90 degrees immediately after the connector.
- Whenever using connectors, use a socket (female) connector on the electrical source side and a plug (male) connector on the electrical load side to reduce the possibility of a short circuit when disconnected.
- Adherence to the above guidelines is not to be construed as approval by Ford Motor Company of any specific revisions or additions to the vehicles original electrical system.
- Document all revisions to the electrical system and place with the vehicle Owner's Literature. Color code and/or label all revisions or additions to wiring.
- Disconnect the negative battery cable of vehicles stored on-site to reduce the possibility of draining the battery by lights or other equipment.

Keep-Alive Memory (KAM) Power

The electronic motor and/or transmission control modules and the HVTB BECM require low battery voltage (12 volts) to be supplied at all times to maintain the keep-alive memory (KAM). Keep this in mind when installing load disconnect switches or solenoids.

Equipment Grounding Guidelines

**NOTICE:**
Do not use/modify any of the high-voltage system grounds or damage to the high-voltage components may occur.

- Do not ground the body to the transmission or transmission crossmember. Ground accessories to the chassis or the vehicle battery.
• Splicing into circuitry relating to the electronic engine and/or transmission control systems is not acceptable because of the adverse effect on the electronic system operation.
• Adequately protect electrical connections exposed to the elements.

Wire Insulation
• Polyvinyl chloride (PVC) rated at 90°C (194°F) is the standard wire insulation acceptable for inside body use but not acceptable for underhood/underbody wiring.
• Hypalon insulation should be used on links only (Ford specification ESB-M1L54-A).
• Cross-linked polyethylene (XPLPE or SXL) rated at 125°C (257°F) is the required insulation for underhood/underbody applications (Ford specification ESB-M1L123-A).
• GXL can be used as an alternate wire (Ford specification ESB-M7L85B) as long as the concentricity specifications are met. To provide a water-resistant seal in conjunction with crimp connectors, a Duraseal® crimp connector is recommended since it is designed to account for outside wire diameter that is smaller than the present SXL wire.

Terminals and Connectors

Connector Types:
• Submersible (sealed) — A connector that is capable of being immersed in water.
• Weather-resistant — A connector that will retain its sealing and connection qualities while being exposed to adverse weather conditions.
• Duraseal® crimp — A supplier trade name for a sealed wiring repair or splice.

When a connection is not defined (typical situation — harness-to-harness connectors), the following suggestions should be implemented:

• Determine the connector type. If it will be located in a hostile environment, use a sealed connector; if not, use an open connector. A hostile environment is defined as being exposed to water and/or salt accumulation and/or high temperatures (that is; underhood, exterior panels and footwells). Use in-line connectors with secondary locks to prevent the terminal from being pushed out.
  — Do not use single wires smaller than 14 gauge in a 2-way or larger weather-resistant connector (the very large style), since the wire may break during disengagement.
  — Use Hypalon, XLPE or Elexar insulation in submersible connectors to maintain sealing integrity. PVC is not acceptable because its properties allow it to set in a deformed pattern, therefore compromising the integrity of the seal.
• Determine the terminal type. Base your decision on wire gauge, current carrying capacity, connector type and insulation type.
  — Use non-detent low insertion force terminals whenever possible.
  — Do not use low insertion force female terminals in weather-resistant connectors.
  — Analyze circuit requirements (signal levels, current, voltage) to determine the proper plating material (such as gold). Use of non-plated terminals is not recommended.
  — Do not use plugs to seal holes in micropin connector grommets. It is very easy to forget to insert them during manufacturing and ruin the seal. Use a grommet with only the necessary number of holes or use dummy wires at least 600 mm (24 in) long.
  — Fully align connectors prior to terminal connection — terminal cavities should have minimum tolerance to prevent terminals from floating, bending or pin push-out during mating/engagement.
  — Make sure connectors of similar type and color are identifiable to the operator to eliminate crossed connections and minimize assembly time. Avoid using similar types and colors of connectors close together.
  — Be sure that connectors have positive locking devices that allow easy installation with a low insertion force and easy removal. The connector snap should be easily felt and heard.
  — Eliminate the use of edgeboard, tang-type and molded-over connectors. The use of blade-type weather-resistant connectors is restricted to high-current applications which cannot be handled by submersible connectors.

Circuit Protection and Electrical Load

• Modification to the vehicles existing low-voltage (12 volts) wiring should be done only with caution and careful consideration of effects on the completed vehicles electrical system. Anticipated circuitry should be studied to determine the required circuit protection and to avoid feedback loops.
• Added circuitry must be protected either by a base vehicle fuse or circuit breaker, or by a similar device supplied by the modifier.
• When adding loads to a base vehicle-protected circuit, make sure the total electrical load through the base vehicle fuse or circuit breaker is less than the devices load rating.
• Use 80% of the fuse rating to determine maximum steady state load to reduce nuisance fuse failures.
• Use 135% of the fuse rating when sizing wiring to protect the circuit in the event of an overload. Fuses will last for one hour at 135% of their rating.
  — Total current draw is the sum of the base vehicle's circuit current requirement (measured with an ammeter) and the anticipated add-on component current requirements.
Never increase the rating of a factory installed fuse or circuit breaker.

If the total electrical load including additional electrical components, on any circuit, is less than the fuse protection rating or the capacity of some limiting component (switch, relay), the items to be added can be connected directly to that circuit. The headlamp switch circuits should never have additional lighting or electrical components directly connected.

Added devices that exceed the current capabilities of the factory-installed system are best controlled through the use of a relay or separate switch. The coil of the relay can be fed from the circuit in the factory harness (now acting as a signal circuit) with added wiring providing feeds to the added electrical device. The relay selection is important and depends on current requirements, number of cycles expected in the relay lifetime, whether the relay is to be operated intermittently or for long periods of time and whether the relay is exposed to weather conditions or is installed in a protected area. When the current requirements of a circuit exceed the capacity of an available relay, the load should be reduced or divided through the use of additional relays.

Wire Protection Requirements

General Notes

- Anticipate problems and design accordingly. Try to anticipate what could go wrong and modify your designs to address any adverse impact.
- Review all connector applications and electrical systems to determine the need for solder, grease, weather-resistant or sealed connectors. Make sure components and wire insulation are compatible with greased connectors (important for long-term durability).
- Make sure that drip loops or other means are provided to prevent water leakage into the vehicle through wiring assemblies that pass through the dash panel.
- Use greased or sealed connectors in floor pan troughs which are subject to moisture coming through the carpeting.
- Use XLPE insulation for uncovered runs that exceed 305 mm (12 in).

Electrical Protection

- Properly route wires away from noise-generating wires or components. However, if routing near noisy wires or plugging into noisy components is unavoidable, design additional protection into the harness.
- Electromagnetic interference (EMI) shielding — Consider shielding if you must route close to high-current or noisy circuits. Use shielded wire and ground one side. Seal all splices in wire assemblies that use bare coaxial shielding (braid or tape) for EMI suppression, and insulate or tape over all shielding ends that terminate near any open connectors. This prevents splice and terminal shorts to the shielding. Minimize the length of conductors which extend beyond the shield. Failure to do this reduces the effectiveness of the shield.
- Spike suppression, in general, is accomplished by connecting a diode or resistor-diode combination across the terminals of the noisy component. The diode should be sufficiently close to the component (both electrically and physically) so that inductive spikes are clamped off. Make sure the diode is connected with the proper polarity.

Proper routing and retention reduces the likelihood of chafing or pinching. When this ideal routing is unattainable, the following additional protection is needed:

Mechanical/Environmental Protection

NOTE:
This is not meant to be an all-inclusive list of methods for physically protecting the wires. There are other means of protection available that are not listed.

- Tape — Tape is the most basic means of protection. It contains the wires in a loose bundle and provides limited environmental protection. It does not protect against chafing and pinching.
- Kendall polyken fiberglass base tape (Ford specification ESB-M3G38-A) is used for engine compartment applications. This durable tape provides protection against cut-through and abrasion commonly found in underhood applications.
- Polyken 267 is a substitute tape that may be used in lower temperature areas of the engine compartment (apron area).
- Convolute — Use convolute for all underhood/underbody applications or when increased temperature, abrasion or pinch resistance is required. Convoluted tubing comes in different diameters and materials to accommodate different temperature ranges and harness sizes.
- Use polyethylene convolute when abrasion is the only consideration; this convolute is adequate up to 96°C (205°F) maximum. Use nylon convolute when underhood/underbody or abrasion and temperature are considerations; nylon convolute is adequate up to 177°C (350°F) maximum.
- On all engine-mounted wiring or bend points, use vinyl tape on the outside of the convolute to prevent wiring from looping out. This tape must be able to withstand temperatures 135°C (275°F) or higher.
- Tape convolute junctions with abrasion-resistant tape (Polyken 267, fiberglass).
- Scroll — Similar to convolute, but without the ridges. Scroll is used where harness rigidity is required, especially for maintaining critical locator dimensions. Use scroll for short lengths only, as it is inflexible.

Grommets and Sealing Requirements
Any additional wiring routed through sheet metal must pass through a grommet that both seals the opening and locates the wire(s). Two-piece grommets (rubber with plastic inserts) are recommended to facilitate installation and retention.

- Locate grommets so they are accessible for proper seating (achieved by pulling) in sheet metal holes.
- Ramp grommets at the insertion end to facilitate installation and sealing.
- Be sure the direction of the hole punch is in the direction of grommet seating and the hole is burr-free.
- Make sure the grommet molding compound adheres to the harness to prevent slippage.
- Make sure the grommet will withstand the environment (temperature, splash).
- Be sure the holes are large enough to allow the installation of the harness without causing circuit damage.
- Use adhesive tape on main trunks or branches with at least a 50% overlap to prevent wicking through grommets. Be certain to diaper-wrap the takeouts.

Wire Routing

Wire harness routing should conform to the following:

- Protect wires routed through holes in sheet metal or castings with a grommet whether or not conduit is used (see figure below).

![Wire Routing Diagram]

- Cables should not be in contact with sharp edges or pierced holes.

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- Route wires to avoid metal edges, screws, trim fasteners and abrasive surfaces. When such routing is not possible, use protective devices (shields, caps) to protect the wires. Cover metal edges with a protective shield and fasten the wiring within 76 mm (3 in) on each side of the edge (see figure below).

![Wire Routing Diagram]

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- Route wires to provide at least 76 mm (3 in) of clearance to moving parts in their extreme movement location, unless positively fastened and protected by conduit.
- Avoid wire routing without conduit in areas where temperatures exceed 82°C (180°F). Heat insulation and heat shields must be used on the wires routed in high-temperature areas.
- Make certain that all underhood or underbody wiring is cross-linked polyethylene high-temperature insulation wire 135°C (275°F) (minimum rating) consistent with SAE specification J1128 Type SXL wire. Normal PVC wire must not be used in underhood or underbody applications.
- Make sure all ground locations are readily accessible for installation, service and verification.
• Do not place ground attachments in high-splash areas.
• Underhood/underbody wiring must be routed in conduit for protection. Minimum conduit rating is 177°C (350°F).

**Wire Retention and Routing**

Use the following criteria to determine the location of retainers:

• Size and weight of wire bundle.
• Holes with poor accessibility that prevent installation of locators.
• Movement of wires that can result in abrasion, squeaks and rattles.
• When wiring is routed between 2 components where relative motion can occur, the wiring should be secured to each component with enough wire slack to allow flexing without damaging the wire.
• Wiring exposed to weather must provide a drip loop to prevent moisture from being conducted into the device through the wire connection (see figure below).

![Drip Loop Diagram](image)

• Drip loops should be provided at connectors and grommets to direct water away from terminals or inside the vehicle.

• Avoid routing wires into areas exposed to wheel splash. When such routing cannot be avoided, adequate clipping and/or protective shields are required to protect the wires from stone and ice damage. Allow adequate slack in wiring between the engine and stationary components to compensate for engine roll.
• Avoid routing wires under the frame side members or at points lower than the bottom frame flange.
• Use plastic zip straps for bundling only (securing to other wires).
• The wire retainers and grommets installed by the assembly plant are usually designed to accommodate only the Ford-installed wires. Additional wiring or tubing should be retained by additional clips. When added wires or tubes are routed through sheet metal panels, new holes with proper wire protection and sealing must be used.
For retainer screws, the following guidelines apply:

- Avoid using fasteners that are too long for the application or are in an area which might damage vehicle components, including wiring, brake lines, fuel tank and lines, powertrain components, exhaust system and suspension.
- Do not use pointed screws for attachments. Make sure that screws used in the vicinity of the wiring are blunt-ended.
- To minimize the potential for wiring shorts, do not use drill point screws. Trim components (including wiring shields) should use pin-type attachments instead of screws.
- Always check areas that screws protrude into for verification that an interference condition to other components does not exist.
- Make sure that retainers used are capable of withstanding the environment over the vehicle’s life expectancy.

Splices and Repairs

⚠️ WARNING:
Do NOT splice into or repair high-voltage (orange) wiring/cables. The high-voltage in this system is approximately 300 volts DC. Failure to follow these instructions may result in severe personal injury or death.

- Stagger the splices within a harness to reduce increased harness diameter. Splice only on straight areas as installed, not on bends.
- Strip wire ends, making sure that individual conductor strands are not damaged.
When soldering, make sure an adequate mechanical joint exists before applying solder. Use only resin-core solder. Acid-core solder should not be used since it may result in corrosion.

For crimp joints, use butt-type metal barrel fasteners and the proper tool at the appropriate setting for the wire size (such as Motorcraft® Crimp Tool S-9796) specifically designed for this type of work.

Make sure splice joints are adequately sealed and insulated. In an outside environment, use Duraseal® butt connectors or equivalent. A durable substitute splice joint can be achieved by using a bare metal barrel, crimping, flow-soldering and covering with shrink tubing. Quality electrical tape can be used inside the vehicle but is not recommended for an outside environment.

Be sure the new wire is not a lesser gauge than its original mating wire.

Recommended Splicing Method — Solder (For 16 AWG and Smaller Diameter Wire Only)

1. Disconnect the battery ground cable.
2. Strip wires to appropriate length.
3. Install heat shrink tubing.
4. Twist the wires together.
5. **NOTE:** Use resin-core mildly-activated (RMA) solder. Do not use acid-core solder.

Solder wires together.
6. **NOTE:**
Wait for solder to cool before moving wires.

Bend wire No. 1 back in a straight line.

7. **NOTE:**
Overlap tubing on both wires.

Evenly position heat shrink tubing over wire repair.

8. Use a shielded heat gun to heat the repaired area until adhesive flows out of both ends of heat shrink tubing.
9. Reconnect the battery ground cable.

Sealed Connectors

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Heat Shrinkable Tubing (Heat Shrink) (Ford Specification ESB-M99D56-A2)

Heat shrinkable tubing is available in various diameters for different splice sizes and configurations. When shrunk, it forms a small, flexible hermetic seal.

Other methods (tape, PVC mold) do not provide a hermetic seal and are not recommended. Splice balancing is critical with heat shrink insulation. If the splice is extremely unbalanced (more circuits on one side than the other), heat shrink insulation will not provide a proper seal. Evaluate the use of double terminals instead of splices where practical in these situations.

Recommended Splicing Method — Crimp (For 10 - 22 AWG Diameter Wire to Like Wire Diameter)

1. Disconnect the battery ground cable.
2. Strip wires to appropriate length.
3. Install heat shrink tubing.
4. Select the appropriate wire splice for the wires to be spliced from Rotunda Wire Splice Kit 164-R5903.
5. **NOTE:**
Rotunda Pro-Crimper 164-R5901 supplied with the wire splice kit is the only tool that can be used with these splices.

Identify the appropriate chamber on the Rotunda Pro-Crimper by matching the wire size on the dies with the wire size stamped on the butt splice.

1. Cavity
2. Indenter

6. Crimp the connector.
   1. Center one end of the wire splice in the appropriate crimping chamber.
   2. Insert stripped wire into the barrel.
   3. Holding the wire in place, squeeze the tool handles until the ratchet releases.

7. Repeating Step 6, crimp the other half of the splice.

8. Check for acceptable crimp.
   1. Crimp should be centered on each end of the butt splice.
   2. Wire insulation does not enter the butt splice.
   3. Wire is visible through the inspection hole of splices.

10. Use a shielded heat gun to heat the repaired area until adhesive flows out of both ends for the heat shrink tubing.

11. Reconnect the battery ground cable.

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Wiring Reference Information

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Wiring Diagrams - Charging Systems

⚠️ WARNING:
The following wiring diagrams contain high-voltage circuits. Do not backprobe, splice, modify or repair in any way. The system voltage is approximately 325 volts DC. Failure to follow this instruction may result in severe injury or death.
Section 2: Electrical

WARNING
To prevent the risk of high-voltage shock, always follow precisely all warnings and service instructions, including instructions to dispower the system.

The high-voltage system utilizes approximately 300 volts DC, provided through high-voltage cables to its components and modules.

The high-voltage cables and wiring are identified on the vehicle by orange harness tape or orange wire covering.

All high-voltage components are marked with high-voltage warning labels with a high voltage symbol.

Failure to follow the instructions may result in serious personal injury or death.

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Section 2: Electrical

WARNING:
1. To prevent the risk of high-voltage shock, always follow precisely all warnings and service instructions, including instructions to de-power the system.
2. The high-voltage system utilizes approximately 350 volts DC, provided through high-voltage cables to its components and modules.
3. The high-voltage cables and wiring are identified on the vehicle by orange harness tape or orange wire covering.
4. All high-voltage components are marked with high voltage warning labels with a high voltage symbol.
5. Failure to follow the instructions may result in serious personal injury or death.

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Section 2: Electrical

WARNING: To prevent the risk of high-voltage shock, always follow precisely all warnings and service instructions, including instructions to disconnect the system. The high-voltage system utilizes approximately 300 volts DC, provided through high-voltage cables to its components and modules. The high-voltage cables and wiring are identified on the vehicle by orange harness tape or orange wire covering. All high-voltage components are marked with high-voltage warning labels with a high-voltage symbol. Failure to follow the instructions may result in serious personal injury or death.

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WARNING: To prevent the risk of high-voltage shock, always follow precisely all warnings and service instructions, including instructions to dispower the system.

The high-voltage system utilizes approximately 300 volts DC, provided through high-voltage cables to its components and modules. The high-voltage cables and wiring are identified on the vehicle by orange harness tape or orange wire covering. All high-voltage components are marked with high-voltage warning labels with a warning symbol. Failure to follow the instructions may result in serious personal injury or death.

N0152393
Section 2: Electrical

PHEV

WARNING:
1. To prevent the risk of high-voltage shock, always follow precisely all warnings and service instructions, including instructions to disconnect the system.
2. The high-voltage system utilizes approximately 300 volts DC, provided through high-voltage cables to the components and modules.
3. The high-voltage cables and wiring are identified on the vehicle by orange harness tape or orange wire covering.
4. All high-voltage components are marked with high voltage warning labels with a high voltage symbol.
5. Failure to follow the instructions may result in serious personal injury or death.

N0152394
Section 2: Electrical

WARNING: To prevent the risk of high voltage shock, always follow precisely all warnings and service instructions, including instructions to disconnect the system. The high-voltage system utilizes approximately 300 volts DC, provided through high-voltage cables and modules. The high-voltage cables and wiring are identified on the vehicle by orange harness tape or orange wire(s). All high-voltage components are marked with high voltage warning labels with a high voltage symbol. Failure to follow the instructions may result in serious personal injury or death.

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**WARNING**

To prevent the risk of high-voltage shock, always follow precisely all warnings and service instructions, including instructions to de-power the system.

- The high-voltage system utilizes approximately 300 volts DC, provided through high-voltage cables to its components and modules.
- The high-voltage cables and wiring are identified on the vehicle by orange harness tape or orange wire covers.
- All high-voltage components are marked with high voltage warning labels with a high voltage symbol.
- Failure to follow the instructions may result in serious personal injury or death.

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![Diagram of high voltage battery junction box and battery energy control module (BECM)]

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N0152399
Section 2: Electrical

PHEV

WARNING:
- It is important to always follow the instructions and service instructions provided in this guide.
- The high-voltage battery is connected to the high-voltage system with high-voltage cables and components that may cause serious injury or death. Be sure to follow all service instructions carefully.
- Failing to follow the instructions may result in serious personal injury or death.
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DC/DC CONVERTER MODULE (part# N/A)

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Push Bumpers

Ford Motor Company does not recommend the installation of any type of accessory bull bar/push bumper.

Siren and Grille Lights

NOTICE:
Do not modify the cooling system. High-voltage vehicle components may be damaged if any cooling system modifications are attempted.

The cooling system relies on proper airflow through the radiator to keep components at their proper operating temperature. When adding sirens and grille lights to a vehicle, make sure this airflow is not obstructed. Reduced airflow could put additional strain on the cooling system and shorten the operational life of related components. The cooling system also cools the electric motors and electronics. If the coolant exceeds certain temperatures, the components will attempt to protect themselves by limiting the power and torque available. During the installation process, keep the placement of components away from the grille area of the vehicle.

Mounting Equipment to the Vehicle

• Do not mount equipment to the high-voltage (orange) wiring/cables, the high-voltage cover or the HVTB cooling plenum.
• Do not mount equipment on the instrument panel between the driver and passenger air bags due to deployment variability.
• Do not mount equipment on the instrument panel between the driver and the pedals, between the door and the console area due to knee air bag deployment variability.
• Do not mount equipment obstructing the HVTB service disconnects located behind the rear seatback and underneath the vehicle near the RH rear tire.
• Do not remove or block the HVTB cooling plenum or ducts. These components are necessary for the proper cooling of the HVTB.
• Do not cover any warning or vehicle labels.
• NOTICE:
The side impact sensors are tuned to excite based on their mass (including wiring), as well as the host sheet metal. Avoid any alteration to these components. Do not use padding, wire connectors, retainers, tape or fasteners of any kind. All fasteners should be made of steel or a non-conductive plastic to guarantee retention and longevity. Any steel fastener that is used in a wet area should be plated to resist corrosion.
• Do not mount equipment to the A, B or C-pillars.
• Do not mount equipment on the headliner within 8 in. (200 mm) of the side edges.
• Do not mount equipment above the beltline within 8 in. (200 mm) of the side glass from the A-pillar leading edge to the rear edge of the C-pillar.
• Do not mount equipment on the headliner along the siderails.
• Do not install a partition, divider or equipment that spans the vehicle above the beltline.

Occupant Restraint Component Locations

The following graphics illustrate the location of the airbag and restraint components.
Section 3: Mounting

- 1. Front door side impact sensor
- 2. PAD sensor
- 3. OCS sensor
- 4. Safety belt buckle with buckle switch and Belt Tension Sensor (BTS)
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- 5. C-pillar side impact sensor
- 6. Safety belt buckle with buckle switch
- 7. Front door side impact sensor
- 8. Seat position sensor
- 9. RCM
- 10. Seat position sensor
- 11. Front impact severity sensor
1. Passenger airbag
2. Safety belt retractor and pretensioner with adaptive load limiter
3. Side airbag
4. Clockspring
5. Safety belt retractor and pretensioner
6. Driver lower airbag
7. Driver airbag
8. Side air curtain

Safety Belt Retractor
The safety belt retractors are located in the base of the B-pillars. The pretensioner located in the retractor is referred to as the "safety belt retractor pretensioner". In the event the restraints control module (RCM) senses an impact, pretensioners provide improved occupant protection by rapidly removing slack from the safety belt. Removing slack from the safety belt helps to properly position the occupant and allows for maximum effectiveness of the safety belts and the air bags.

- Do not use the safety belt retractor bolts for mounting the partition.
- Do not mount any partition hardware on the inboard side of the B-pillar within the bottom 305 mm (12 in.).
- Do not mount any partition hardware that will interfere with the proper sealing of the door.

Side Impact Sensor
The side impact sensors are located in the front doors and C-pillars; one sensor in each door and in each C-pillar. The location and orientation are critical for the correct operation of all the impact sensors. Do not use the attachment bolts of the impact sensors to mount any equipment.

Restraints Control Module (RCM)
The restraints control module (RCM) is mounted under the front of the center console. The RCM orientation is critical for proper operation of the restraint systems. Do not relocate, or use the RCM mounting bolts for attachment purposes of any equipment.

Air Bag Deployment Interference

⚠️ WARNING:
Do not place objects or mount equipment in front of the air bag module cover or in the front seat area; this is to avoid contact with a deploying air bag. Placing objects on or over the air bag inflation area may cause those objects to be propelled by the air bag. Failure to follow these instructions may result in personal injury.

⚠️ WARNING:
Dash, tunnel or console-mounted equipment should be placed only within their specified zone. Failure to follow this instruction may result in personal injury.

⚠️ WARNING:
Do not mount equipment between the side of the front seat and the door trim that would block deployment of the side air bag. Failure to follow this instruction may result in personal injury.

⚠️ WARNING:
Do not mount equipment on the instrument panel between the driver and the pedal area, between the door and the console that may come in contact with or block a deploying knee air bag. Failure to follow this instruction may result in personal injury.

⚠️ WARNING:
Do not attempt to service, repair or modify the air bag supplemental restraint systems (SRS) or its fuses. See your Ford or Lincoln dealer. Failure to follow this instruction may result in personal injury.

⚠️ WARNING:
Modifications to the front end of the vehicle, including frame, bumper, front end body structure, tow hooks and B-pillar surrounding parts may affect the performance of the air bag sensors, increasing the risk of injury. Do not modify the front end of the vehicle.

⚠️ WARNING:
Do not place objects or mount equipment on or near the headliner at the siderail that may come into contact with a deploying Safety Canopy® System. Failure to follow this instruction may increase the risk of personal injury in the event of a collision.

⚠️ **WARNING:**
Do not attempt to service, repair or modify the Safety Canopy® System, its fuses, the A, B, or C-pillar trim, or the headliner on a vehicle containing a Safety Canopy® System. See your Ford or Lincoln dealer.

⚠️ **WARNING:**
To reduce risk of injury, do not obstruct or place objects in the deployment path of the inflatable Safety Canopy® System.

**NOTICE:**
The side impact sensors are tuned to excite based on their mass (including wiring), as well as the host sheet metal. Avoid any alteration to these components. Do not use padding, wire connectors, retainers, tape or fasteners. All fasteners should be made of steel or a non-conductive plastic to guarantee retention and longevity. Any steel fastener used in a wet area should be plated to resist corrosion.

Driver/passenger air bags affect the way equipment can be mounted in vehicles. Any surfaces that could come into contact with an air bag during deployment must not damage the air bag or alter its deployment path. Sharp edges, corners or protrusions could damage the nylon air bag material and reduce the effectiveness of the air bag. Do not mount or place any objects in the deployment path of an air bag. Air bags must be allowed to fully deploy without restriction. The deployment of air bags is not compatible with any configuration of equipment mounting that places objects in the air bag deployment path. Equipment mounted or placed in the deployment area of an air bag will reduce the effectiveness of the air bag, damage the air bag and potentially damage or dislodge the equipment.

Air bag deployment drawings are provided in Section 4. Consult the drawings before equipment is installed inside the passenger compartment to make sure that the mounted equipment does not interfere with air bag deployment.

**Seat Bolts**
The vehicle safety belts and seat assemblies are factory installed in their correct location. Seat bolts are not to be used as attachment points for any equipment. Any added material between the seat bolt and the seat frame could have unpredictable effects on the seat bolt torque. If the safety belts are removed for any reason, all of the appropriate attaching hardware must be hand started and then tightened to the correct torque specifications as per the Workshop Manual. Verify proper operation before returning the vehicle to service.
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General

Air Bag Deployment Interference

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Dash, tunnel or console-mounted equipment should be placed only within their specified zone. Failure to follow this instruction may result in severe personal injury or death.

⚠️ **WARNING:**
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Do not attempt to service, repair or modify the air bag supplemental restraint systems (SRS) in any way. Failure to follow this instruction may result in severe personal injury. See your Ford or Lincoln dealer.

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Modifications to the front end of the vehicle, including frame, bumper, front end body structure, tow hooks and B-pillar surrounding parts may affect the performance of the air bag sensors, increasing the risk of injury. Do not modify the front end of the vehicle. Failure to follow these instructions may result in severe personal injury or death.

⚠️ **WARNING:**
Do not place objects or mount equipment on or near the headliner at the siderail that may come into contact with a deploying safety canopy. Failure to follow this instruction may increase the risk of personal injury in the event of a collision.

⚠️ **WARNING:**
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Some approximate dimensions for air bags, at full inflation, are provided. These dimensions are somewhat flexible and represent free-form deployments without the loading of occupants. The zone dimensions provided are approximate and will vary with the loading of occupants in the seats.

All air bag and equipment mounting zone dimensions are approximate due to different air bag deployment characteristics.
Do not mount equipment between the side of the front seat and the door trim that would block deployment of the side air bag.

NOTE:
Do not mount equipment on the instrument panel between the driver and passenger air bags due to deployment variability.

1. 13 in. (330 mm) from center of air bag door
2. 15.7 in. (400 mm) from center of air bag door
3. 23.6 in. (600 mm)
4. 5.9 in. (150 mm)
5. 19.7 in. (500 mm)
1. 26 in. (660 mm) from center of air bag door
2. 26 in. (660 mm) from center of air bag door
1. 27.2 in. (690 mm) from center of air bag door
2. 19.7 in. (500 mm) from center of air bag door

NOTICE:
Any surfaces that could come into contact with side air curtain (Safety Canopy® System) during deployment must not damage the curtain. Sharp edges, corners or protrusions could damage the curtain and reduce the overall effectiveness of the side air curtain.

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