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Ford Motor Company (Ford) is recalling approximately 77,574 2018-2020 Expedition and Lincoln Navigator vehicles because the seat belt pretensioner in the driver and/or front passenger seat may inadvertently deploy and lock the seat belt, which will not allow the belt to retract or extend. Seat belts that do not retract or extend may fail to restrain an occupant as intended, increasing the risk of injury in a crash (*NHTSA Recall Notice*, No. 24V099, Report receipt date: February 9, 2024).

Remedy. Dealers will inspect and replace the seat belt retractors, as necessary. Additionally, dealers will install an HVAC drain tube elbow if it is missing. Repairs will be performed free of charge. Interim owner notification letters explaining the safety risk are expected to be mailed March 4, 2024. A second notice will be sent once remedy parts become available, anticipated in the second half of 2024.

Contact information. Owners may contact Ford customer service at 1-866-436-7332. Ford's number for this recall is 24S06. 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.nhtsa.gov.

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