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Ford Motor Company (Ford) is recalling approximately 105,322 2018-2020 Expedition and Lincoln Navigator vehicles because the seat belt pretensioner in the driver and/or front passenger seat may inadvertently lock the seat belt, which will not allow the belt to retract or extend. Seat belts that do not retract or extend can fail to restrain an occupant as intended, increasing the risk of injury in a crash (*NHTSA Recall Notice*, No. 25V197, Report receipt date: Mar. 28, 2025).

Remedy. Dealers will inspect the seat belt retractor date codes and replace the seat belt retractors as necessary, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed April 14, 2025. Some vehicles in this recall were previously repaired incorrectly under recall [24V099](#) and will need to have this new recall remedy completed.

Contact information. Owners may contact Ford customer service at 1-866-436-7332. Ford's number for this recall is 25S31. Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-888-275-9171) or go to www.nhtsa.gov.

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