

Ford recalls hybrid SUVs to fix stalling problem

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Ford is recalling about 74,000 older-model gas-electric hybrid SUVs in the U.S. and Canada to fix a stalling problem.

The recall covers Ford Escapes from the 2005 through 2008 model years and Mercury Mariners from 2006 through 2008.

The company says the coolant pump for the hybrid system could fail, causing electronics to overheat. That can shut down the engine, increasing the risk of a <u>crash</u>.

Ford says in documents filed with government safety regulators that it has no reports of crashes or injuries from the problem.

Ford is expected to start the <u>recall</u> on Oct. 27. Dealers will replace the coolant pump for free.

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