



Weekly Edition

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Announcements

A photograph of a red Ford E-Transit van on a factory floor. A group of workers in safety vests and hard hats are gathered around the van. A banner above the van reads "All-Electric Ford E-Transit Charged and Ready to Work".

Join Us
Kansas City Assembly Plant Career Fair
Saturday, May 14th
9am - 1pm CST
Kansas City Assembly Plant
8121 E US Highway 69
Claycomo, MO 64119

Ford Employment Opportunity

Do you have friends or family who want to build the #1 best-selling truck in America AND build a great future? Let them know to visit Kansas City Assembly Plant, home of the F-150, and find out about Ford benefits, job stability, and more TOMORROW, May 14. They can talk to HR, apply and possibly even receive an offer on the spot. Share the link below so everyone can learn more about this opportunity!

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Listen Now: Bill Ford on the Masters of Scale Podcast - 1 of 2 Episodes

Ford Motor Company executive chair Bill Ford appeared recently on the Masters of Scale podcast with Reid Hoffman. He discussed a variety of topics, from his unusual entry into the family business (did you know that he changed his name and worked on the assembly line in his early years?) to his efforts to drive change at Ford. Also covered were the importance of Michigan Central Station, the rescue of River Rouge, the time he spent as CEO and much more. In fact, the discussion was so robust that Hoffman broke it up into two parts. Listen to Part 1 of Masters of Scale featuring Bill Ford, and check back soon for Part 2.

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Ford Manufacturing Engineer Honored by Society of Women Engineers
Molli Andor works in Powertrain Manufacturing Engineering supporting

programs in Lima, Ohio, where she leads the implementation of new and modified assembly processes for Ford's nano engine, a 2.7/3.0-liter, twin-turbocharged V6 used to power trucks and SUVs. She works with a cross-functional team of engineers, plant employees and suppliers to achieve processes that can run at rate, are ergonomically friendly and have robust designs. Most recently, the team launched 2021 engines for the F-150 and Bronco.

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Ford News



F-150 Lightning Customers Share Their Plans for the Truck at Rouge Electric Vehicle Center Launch Event

As Ford celebrates the launch of the much-anticipated F-150 Lightning, employees recently gathered to show how they are treating customers like family. More than 20 customers and their guests were invited to the new Rouge Electric Vehicle Center for a behind-the-scenes look at the production home of the all-electric F-150 Lightning and a front-row seat to the kick-off event...

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What They're Saying: 2022 Ford F-150 Lightning Drive Impressions

More than 100 automotive journalists from North America and Europe, and select social media influencers, recently had the chance to experience everything the all-new F-150 Lightning has to offer during a two-day program in San Antonio hosted by Ford's communications team. Each of the four waves of media sampled F-150 Lightning's unique benefits, including the Mega Power Frunk, Pro Power Onboard, Intelligent Backup Power...

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Mid-Michigan Mustang Enthusiast Customizes Son's Power Wheels to Match His Own Mustang Shelby GT500

There may not be a Mustang Shelby GT500 Power Wheels on the market, but one determined mid-Michigan father and owner of a Shelby GT500 has re-created one for his 4-year-old son Reed. Trevor Weslock, of Frankenmuth, Michigan, had a Mustang GT Power Wheels wrapped and decaled to match his own full-size 2022 Mustang Shelby GT500 Heritage Edition, which he took delivery of this week....

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An Inspiration for Many, Mike Ackerson Marks 50 Years at Ford Motor Company

April 6 marked Mike Ackerson's 50-year work anniversary with Ford Motor Company. Ackerson has been a valuable asset and team player over the course of his time with the company, living out the values he shares with Ford. The only time he took a day off in five decades was when his second child was born. Ackerson's unparalleled commitment to his work and to his Ford family resonates with the environment he has built around him.

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Global Notes



Ford Pro Reveals All-New Ford E-Transit Custom

Ford today took another major step in its electrification transformation as Ford Pro revealed first details of the all-new, all-electric, E-Transit Custom. Following hot on the heels of the all-electric E-Transit that began production in March this year, the E-Transit Custom is designed to set a new benchmark in Europe's one-tonne van ...

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Ford To Support Walkinshaw Andretti United in Australian Supercars Series

Ford has announced today that the Walkinshaw Andretti United (WAU) team will race the Ford Performance Mustang GT in the Supercars Championship beginning in 2023. Ford's support of Walkinshaw Andretti United will begin alongside the debut of the next generation 'Gen3' Supercar...

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Ford Launches 'Park the Car' Initiative

Ford of Europe is encouraging employees to not use vehicles for short journeys as part of a new campaign to support healthier streets, healthier lives and a greener future. Launched today, the new initiative is called 'Park the Car' and its message is simple – if your journey is less than 5km, and you can easily walk or ride instead, don't get behind the wheel.

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Weekly Spotlight

Gil Mason took this photo of his two Mustangs about thirty years ago, he in his '92 Mustang and his father, Oscar, in the '66 Mustang. Oscar retired after thirty years of production work and Gil retired after thirty-six



years as a Machine Repair Leader at the Sandusky Ford Plastics Plant.

Outside Voices

F-150 Lightning Review: Why It's the Most Important EV Ever Made

(Inverse) A pickup truck is the ultimate “but I might” vehicle. But I might need to haul furniture. But I might need to drive to grandma's house while towing an 8,000-lb boat. But I might need to conquer some off-road obstacles. Ford knows all this and knows its truck customers. It's what Built Ford Tough means, and though it's easy to dismiss as a silly marketing slogan, it means something at Ford and they aren't going to put a truck on sale unless it lives up to that billing.

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2022 Ford F-150 Lightning First Drive Review: A True Game-Changer

(CNET) The F-Series is the perennial most popular vehicle on the planet. Last year, Ford sold more than 725,000 of the things, and that's despite supply-chain issues and everything else going on in the world. That fact — the sheer significance of this truck's success to Ford's bottom line — made last May's announcement that the company would build an electric F-150 all the more important. The F-150 Lightning had all the potential in the world to be a true mass-market game-changer. Now, less than a year later, the F-150 Lightning is fully in production, and a game-changer it is indeed.

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Ford Employees Recreation Association (FERA)

FERA offers recreation and travel opportunities for Ford employees and alumni. It has more than 45 clubs to support your recreation interests, as well as discounts on travel (such as trips to Orlando, Fla. and hotels) and attractions

(like the North American International Auto Show and the Renaissance Festival). You can find more information by visiting www.fera.org. **The FERA desk at Ford World Headquarters is now permanently closed. The roving FERA desk has been suspended until further notice.** Send questions or for more information, email fera@ford.com.

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Alumni Club Information

Alumni Club Information Now Online

****NEW UPDATES****

A complete list of alumni club information and group meetings has been **relocated to an [@FordOnline web page](#)**.

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