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## Weekly Edition

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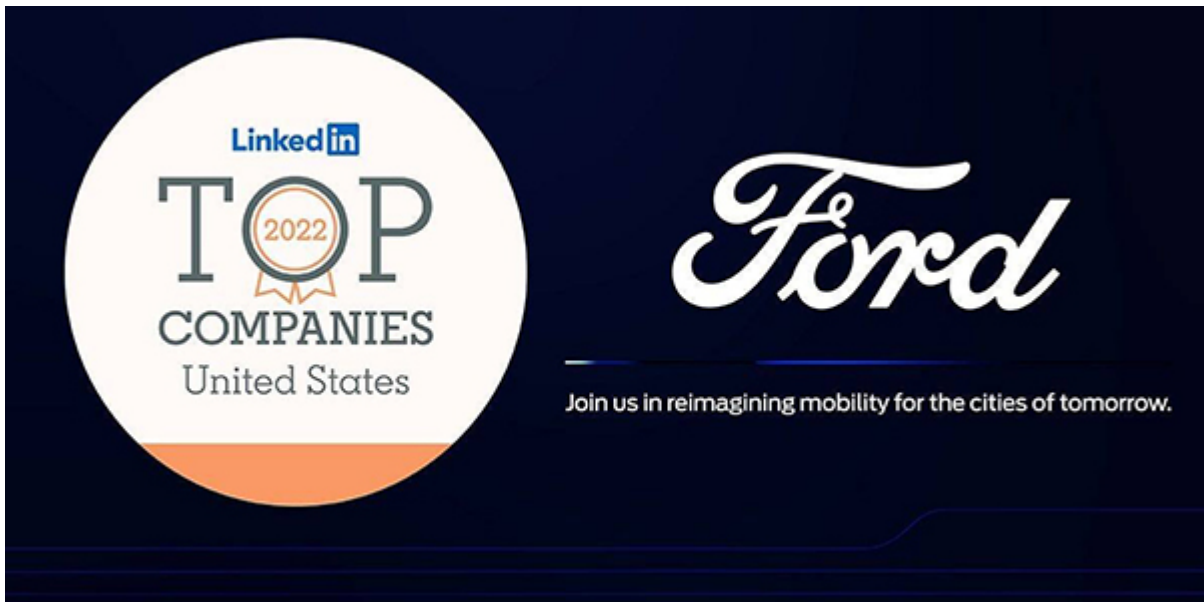
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## Announcements



**Ford Takes In Record 50,000 F-Series Retail Vehicle Orders in March**  
Ford Motor Company (NYSE: F) reported its March 2022 U.S. sales results.

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### **Repeat Recognition: Ford named LinkedIn Top Company**

We are honored to be recognized again as a LinkedIn Top Company in 2022! In their annual selection of the fifty best U.S. companies for career development, LinkedIn evaluates companies on their overall stability, employees' ability to advance, diversity of educational backgrounds, skills growth, external opportunity, gender diversity, and company affinity.

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### **F-150 Lightning is First Electric Truck to Pace NASCAR Race; will be featured at Martinsville April 7-9**

A fully-electric truck that is helping change the future of Ford Motor Company will be on track at Martinsville Speedway as the 2022 F-150 Lightning makes its debut as a pace vehicle for the NASCAR Cup Series on April 9. Lightning received nearly 200,000 reservations since being unveiled last May and is part of a growing EV portfolio for Ford that includes the Mustang Mach-E and E-

Transit.

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**CONNECT THE VETERAN**  
**April 12**  
10:00-11:30 a.m. via Zoom

**NETWORKING PROGRAM FOR VETERANS**  
& their families

**HIRE MI VET**

### **Veteran's Career Fair**

Ford Motor Company is proud to partner with Hire MI Vet for the next Connect the Veteran career networking program. Register now to learn about opportunities, ask questions, and talk with Ford veterans and those currently serving in the reserve forces in a relaxed environment. We'd love to meet you on April 12!

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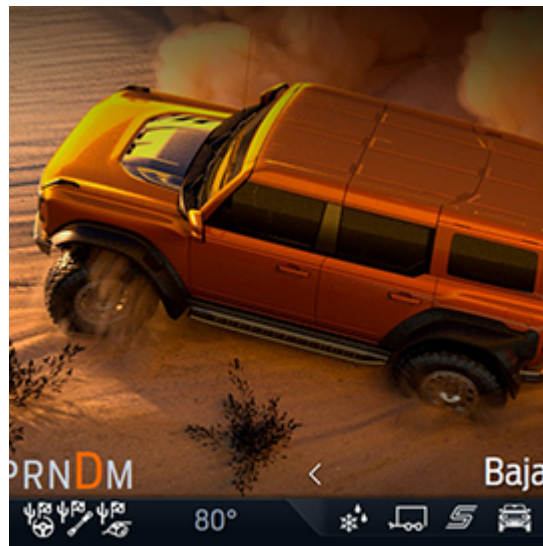
## **Ford News**



### Ford GT Holman Moody Heritage Edition Honors 1-2-3 Ford Sweep at 1966 Le Mans

In a special nod to the debut of the original Ford GT40 prototype at the 1964 New York Auto Show, Ford is returning to the Big Apple for the first public appearance of its new GT Heritage Edition – the 2022 Ford GT Holman Moody Edition. This marks the final 2022 Heritage Edition paying tribute to the GT40 MK II race car that completed the famous 1-2-3 sweep...

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### Avatars and Animation: All-Digital Cluster on Bronco Raptor Uses High Tech to Optimize Off-Road Performance

It's fitting that a vehicle delivering the epitome of off-road capability treats its drivers to a visual experience like no other. From behind the wheel, the extreme off-road capability of the Ultra4-inspired 2022 Bronco Raptor™ is complemented by a dynamic display in a fully customizable 12-inch digital cluster that illustrates the...

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### **Cross-Functional Teams at Ford Use 3D Printing to Capture Fine Details of Window Decorations, Ceiling Tiles for Michigan Central Station**

While architectural restoration isn't an area of expertise you might expect to find at an automobile company, several teams at Ford are collaborating to deploy their skills to restore some of the finest, most intricate details of Michigan Central Station, which will serve as the anchor of the Michigan Central mobility innovation district when...

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### **Class in Session: Ford Motor Company Funds Phase Two Driving School for Drivers with Autism Spectrum Disorder**

Five years ago, Ford fellow and senior technical leader, Debbie Mielewski, approached her division director with an idea. What if Ford helped fund a driving school that was tailored to drivers with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)? Her director agreed, and the idea took off. Today, as we celebrate Autism Awareness Month this April, Mielewski and team are...

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## **Global Notes**



### **Ford Pro Ready to Electrify Business Productivity in Europe as First E-Transit Models Roll Off Production Line**

Ford Pro is now shipping the first production units of the all-electric E-Transit van to customers across Europe from the...

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### **Debuts of Next-Gen Ford Vehicles Received Global Reveal Award at 43rd Bangkok International Motor Show 2022**

Ford Thailand has been recognized with the Global Reveal award at the 43rd Bangkok International Motor Show 2022...

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### **Ford India's #CommittedToServe Film Adjudged the Best by Industry**

Ford India ushered in 2022 with #CommittedToServe campaign i.e., Ford service with a family-like commitment. This campaign reiterates our commitment to...

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## **Alumni Connect**

Send a pic of you with your Ford (.jpg format, please), with a caption including brief information about your career at Ford and your vehicle, to [blueoval@ford.com](mailto:blueoval@ford.com). Or post your photo on Twitter or Instagram and tag @AtFordOnline using #FordAlumni #MeandMyFord. **Let's see those Fords!**

## **Outside Voices**

### **Customers Buying More 4x4s, Ford (Not Jeep) Leading the Way**

*(Newsweek)* The hottest vehicle debuts over the last few years have been four- or all-wheel drive capable models, and most of them have been Fords. The reborn Ford Bronco, redesigned Jeep Wrangler, new Ford Maverick and Jeep Gladiator, and fresh Ford Ranger have helped ignite a spark in the off-roading...

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### **VIDEO: Ford Vows 'Responsible' Mining of Rare Battery Metals**

*(Bloomberg)* Ford Global Director of Sustainability Cynthia Williams explains its impact on the environment after splitting its combustible engine and electric vehicle departments into two entities...

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### **Ford's Blue Oval City Reaches Key Milestone. What's Next for the \$5.6 Billion Project?**

*(Memphis Commercial Appeal)* Ford's Blue Oval City entered the land prepping phase this week with a couple hundred workers now onsite daily in Stanton. It marks a key milestone ahead of formal construction on the electric truck...

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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](http://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](mailto:fera@ford.com).

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For benefit questions, please contact the NESC at 1-800-248-4444 or visit [www.myfordbenefits.com](http://www.myfordbenefits.com).

## 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](#)**.

[Click here](#) to check out the listing of alumni clubs and groups, as well as upcoming meeting dates shared with the Blue Oval Connect team.

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