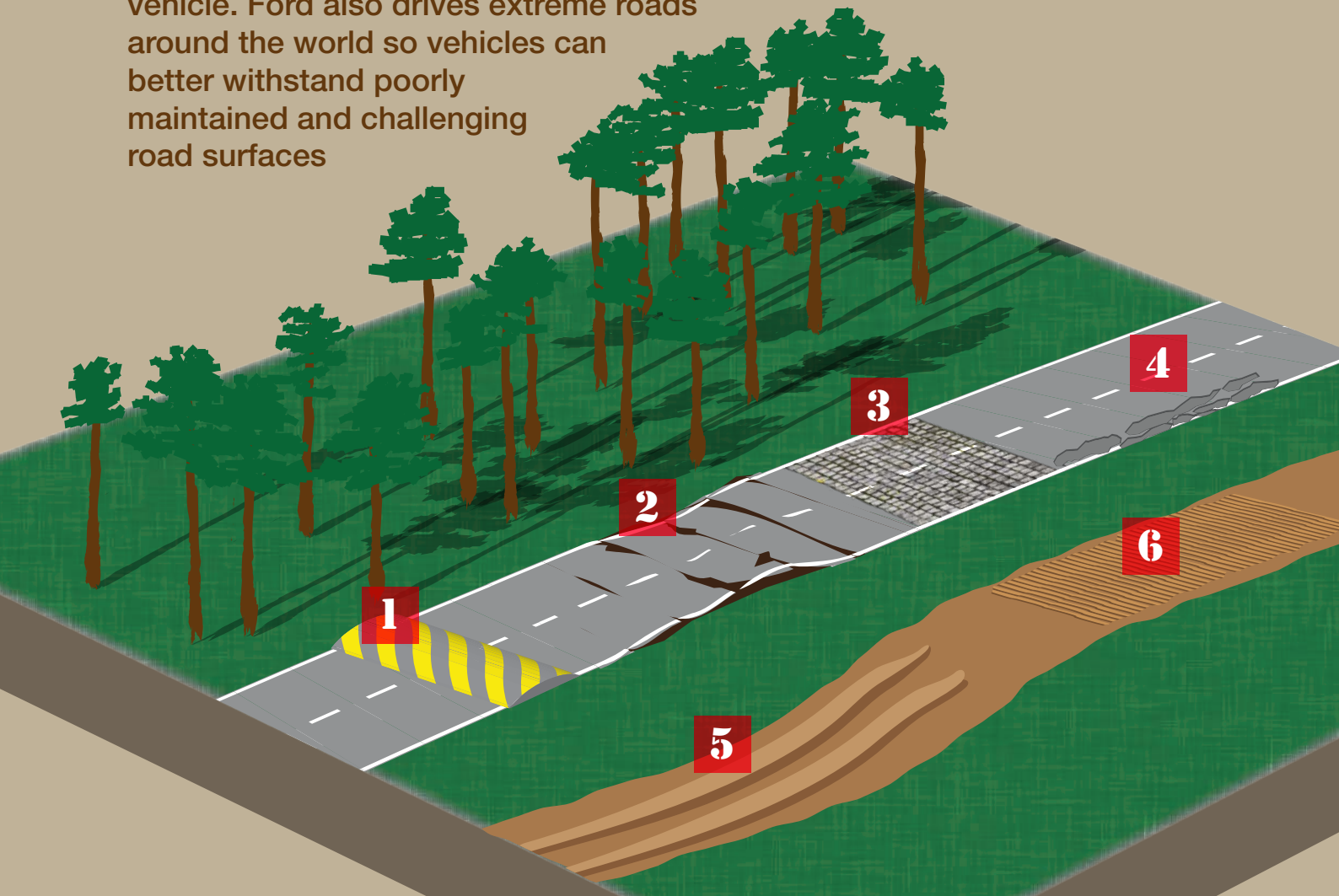


THE WORLD'S WORST ROAD

Welcome to 100 bone-shaking potholes, bumps and rough surfaces from 25 countries on the world's worst road. Developed by Ford – and its customers – it's five kilometres of hell and the ultimate tough test of any vehicle. Ford also drives extreme roads around the world so vehicles can better withstand poorly maintained and challenging road surfaces



SPEED BUMP [1]

Brazilian speed bumps can subject occupants to the same G-forces fighter pilots experience

FROZEN ROAD [2]

Extreme freezing and thawing of roads in Russia creates deep holes that can throw a vehicle off course

COBBLESTONES [3]

Broken cobblestones found in Paris shake every part of the car – and occupants

POTHOLE [4]

Potholes on unmade German side streets can bend wheel rims and burst tyres

ROUGH TRACK [5]

Monsoon rain-battered roads in Asia feature deep ruts that can bend or break steering and suspension components

WASHBOARD [6]

Washboard roads found in hot, dry climates vibrate and stress shock absorbers

1.9

Length (in km) of Ford's pothole test track in Lommel, Belgium

5

Upward G-Force a car experiences when it hits a 5-centimetre bump at 70 km/h (46 mph)

6

Months of punishment Transit was tested to simulate ten years' use

The depth (metres) of the world's biggest pothole in Archbald Pothole State Park, U.S.

11.6

The deepest pothole at Ford's test track (in centimetres)

12

70

Maximum speed in km/h (46 mph) test vehicles are driven through potholes in testing

1,000

The number of times Ford test drivers use the gruelling pothole road per test programme

1,250,000

Cost in Euros (£ 893,154) of the sensitive hi-tech equipment engineers use during pothole measurements

20,000,000

Total number of potholes on the roads of Europe last year