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NHTSA Recalls of Interest April 14, 2014

RECALL Subject : Driver's Air Bag may not Deploy

Report Receipt Date: APR 09, 2014

NHTSA Campaign Number: 14V168000

Component(s): AIR BAGS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1,291,449

Vehicle	MakeModel	Model Year(s)
• PONTIAC	VIBE	2009-2010
• TOYOTA	COROLLA	2009-2010
• TOYOTA	COROLLA MATRIX	2009-2010
• TOYOTA	HIGHLANDER	2008-2010
• TOYOTA	RAV4	2006-2008
• TOYOTA	TACOMA	2009-2010
• TOYOTA	YARIS	2006-2010

Manufacturer: Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing

SUMMARY:

Toyota is recalling certain model year 2006-2008 RAV4, 2006-2010 Yaris, 2008-2010 Highlander, and 2009-2010 Tacoma, Corolla, Corolla Matrix and General Motors Pontiac Vibe vehicles. In the affected vehicles, the steering column assembly contains electrical connections to the driver's airbag module housed in a spiral cable assembly, which includes a Flexible Flat Cable (FFC). Due to the shape and location of the FFC's retainer, the FFC could become damaged when the steering wheel is turned.

CONSEQUENCE:

If the FFC is damaged, connectivity to the driver's air bag module could be lost and the air bag deactivated. The failure of the driver's air bag to deploy in the event of a crash that typically necessitates deployment increases the risk of injury to the driver.

REMEDY:

Toyota will notify the Toyota vehicle owners, and General Motors will notify the Pontiac Vibe owners. Toyota will send their owners an interim notification letter in late April 2014 to advise owners of the recall, and will mail owners a second letter when remedy parts are available. General Motors has not yet provided a notification schedule for the Pontiac Vibe owners. When the parts are available, dealers will replace the spiral cable assembly, free of charge.

RECALL Subject : Second Row Seat Assembly/FMVSS 207

Report Receipt Date: MAR 27, 2014

NHTSA Campaign Number: 14V148000

Component(s):

Potential Number of Units Affected: 46,757

Vehicle	MakeModel	Model Year(s)
• TOYOTA	HIGHLANDER	2013

Manufacturer: Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing

SUMMARY:

Toyota is recalling certain model year 2013 Highlander vehicles manufactured March 13, 2013, through August 6, 2013. In the affected vehicles, the second row left hand seat may not lock in place when positioned in the forward front or second adjusting position. As such, the vehicles do not conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 207, "Seating Systems."

CONSEQUENCE:

If the seat does not lock into the seat track, there may be an increased risk of injury to an occupant in the event of a crash.

REMEDY:

Toyota will notify owners, and dealers will modify the second row left hand seat so that it will lock into the seat track, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule.

RECALL Subject : Welds on Seat Assemblies may Fail/FMVSS 207

Report Receipt Date: APR 02, 2014

NHTSA Campaign Number: 14V164000

Component(s): SEATS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 43,135

Vehicle	MakeModel	Model Year(s)
• FORD	C-MAX	2013-2014
• FORD	ESCAPE	2013-2014
• FORD	FUSION	2013-2014
• LINCOLN	MKZ	2013-2014

Manufacturer: Ford Motor Company

SUMMARY:

Ford Motor Company (Ford) is recalling certain model year 2013-2014 Ford Fusion and Lincoln MKZ vehicles manufactured August 15, 2012, through September 10, 2013, 2013-2014 Ford Escape vehicles manufactured June 5, 2012, through August 12, 2013, and 2013-2014 Ford C-Max vehicles manufactured from July 23, 2012, through May 28, 2013. The driver and passenger seatback assemblies may have been produced with sub-standard weld joints used to attach the seat back recliner mechanism to the seat frame. The affected seat backs may have insufficient strength to meet the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 207, "Seating Systems."

CONSEQUENCE:

The back of the subject seats may become loose or lean while driving and potentially increase the risk of injury in certain crashes.

REMEDY:

Ford will notify owners, and dealers will replace the seatback, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin around May 19, 2014.

RECALL Subject : Seat Rail Spring Failure

Report Receipt Date: APR 09, 2014

NHTSA Campaign Number: 14V169000

Component(s): SEATS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 472,388

Vehicle	MakeModel	Model Year(s)
• TOYOTA	SCION XD	2008-2010
• TOYOTA	YARIS	2006-2010

Manufacturer: Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing

SUMMARY:

Toyota is recalling certain model year 2006-2010 Yaris vehicles manufactured August 22, 2005, through May 12, 2010, and 2008-2010 Scion xD vehicles manufactured April 4, 2007, through May 12, 2010. In the affected vehicles, the springs used for the seat rails on the driver's seat and the seat rails of the front passenger seat of three-door models may break.

CONSEQUENCE:

If the spring breaks, the seat may not lock in position. In the event of a vehicle crash, the seat could move increasing the risk of injury to the seat occupant.

REMEDY:

Toyota will notify owners, and dealers will inspect the seat rail, and replace it with a new one, if necessary, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule.

RECALL Subject : Key Can Be Removed when Ignition is not Off

Report Receipt Date: APR 10, 2014
NHTSA Campaign Number: 14V171000
Component(s): ELECTRICAL SYSTEM
Potential Number of Units Affected: 2,191,014

Vehicle	MakeModel	Model Year(s)
• CHEVROLET	COBALT	2005-2010
• CHEVROLET	HHR	2006-2011
• PONTIAC	G5	2007-2010
• PONTIAC	SOLSTICE	2006-2010
• SATURN	ION	2003-2007
• SATURN	SKY	2007-2010

Manufacturer: General Motors LLC

SUMMARY:

General Motors LLC (GM) is recalling certain model year 2005-2010 Chevrolet Cobalt, 2006-2011 Chevrolet HHR, 2007-2010 Pontiac G5, 2006-2010 Pontiac Solstice, 2003-2007 Saturn Ion, and 2007-2010 Saturn Sky vehicles. In the affected vehicles, the key can be removed from the ignition when the ignition is not in the "Off" position.

CONSEQUENCE:

If the key can be removed from the ignition when the ignition is not in the "off" position, the vehicle could roll away: (a) for an automatic transmission, if the transmission is not in the "Park" position; or (b) for a manual transmission, if the parking brake is not engaged and the transmission is not in the "Reverse" position. This potential for rollaway increases the risk for a crash and occupant or pedestrian injuries.

REMEDY:

General Motors will notify owners, and for vehicles that were built with the defective ignition cylinder and have not previously had the ignition cylinder replaced with the redesigned part, dealers will replace the ignition cylinder and cut and, if necessary, re-learn two ignition/door keys for each vehicle. For vehicles that were built with the redesigned ignition cylinder or had the ignition cylinder replaced with the redesigned part, dealers will cut and, if necessary, re-learn two ignition/door keys for each vehicle. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Chevrolet owners may contact General Motors at 1-800-222-1020, Pontiac owners at 1-800-762-2737, and Saturn owners at 1-800-553-6000. General Motors' number for this recall is 14113 for the ignition lock cylinder and key replacement, and 14133 for only key replacements. Note: Until a vehicle has been remedied, owners and operators are advised that when exiting, to be sure that the vehicle is in "Park," or in the case of a manual transmission, that the vehicle is in the "Reverse" position and the parking brake is engaged.