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## NHTSA Recalls of Interest April 16, 2013

### **RECALL Subject : Passenger Side Air bag Inflator may Rupture**

**Report Receipt Date:** APR 12, 2013  
**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 13V136000  
**Component(s):** AIR BAGS  
**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 265,362

### All Products Associated with this Recall

Vehicle MakeModelModel Year(s)

- INFINITIFX352003
- INFINITIFX452003
- INFINITII352001-2003
- INFINITIQX42002-2003
- NISSANMAXIMA2001-2003
- NISSANPATHFINDER2001-2003

### Details

### 2 Associated Documents

**Manufacturer:** Nissan North America, Inc.

### SUMMARY:

Nissan is recalling certain model year 2001-2003 Maxima, Pathfinder, and Infiniti I35; model year 2002-2003 Infiniti QX4; and model year 2003 Infiniti FX35 and FX45 and possibly certain Sentra vehicles to address a safety defect in the passenger side frontal air bag which may produce excessive internal pressure causing the inflator to rupture upon deployment of the air bag. This recall addresses both the passenger side frontal air bags that were originally installed in the vehicles, as well as replacement air bags that may have been installed as replacement service parts. A replacement air bag may have been installed, as one example, if a vehicle had been in a crash necessitating the replacement of the passenger side frontal air bag.

**CONSEQUENCE:**

In the event of a crash necessitating deployment of the passenger's frontal air bag, the inflator could rupture with metal fragments striking and potentially seriously injuring the passenger seat occupant or other occupants.

**REMEDY:**

Owners of all vehicles on which a defective air bag may have been installed either as original equipment, or as a replacement, will be notified. Dealers will inspect vehicles, and where a defective air bag inflator is identified, the inflator will be replaced, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided the agency with a notification schedule. Owners may contact Nissan Customer Service at 1-800-647-7261.

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**Report Receipt Date:** APR 11, 2013  
**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 13V133000  
**Component(s):** AIR BAGS  
**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 0

**All Products Associated with this Recall** 

**Vehicle MakeModelModel Year(s)**

- LEXUSSC2002-2004
- PONTIACVIBE2002-2004
- TOYOTACOROLLA2002-2004
- TOYOTACOROLLA MATRIX2002-2004
- TOYOTASEQUOIA2002-2004
- TOYOTATUNDRA2002-2004

**Details** 

**2 Associated Documents** 

**Manufacturer:** Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing

**SUMMARY:**

Toyota is recalling certain model year 2002 through 2004 Toyota Corolla, Corolla Matrix, Sequoia, Tundra, Lexus SC, and Pontiac Vibe vehicles to address a safety defect in the passenger side frontal air bag which may produce excessive internal pressure causing the inflator to rupture upon deployment of the air bag. This recall addresses both the passenger side frontal air bags that were originally installed in the vehicles, as well as replacement air bags that may have been installed as replacement service parts. A replacement air bag may have been installed, as one example, if a vehicle had been in a crash necessitating the replacement of the passenger side frontal air bag.

**CONSEQUENCE:**

In the event of a crash necessitating deployment of the passenger's frontal air bag, the inflator could rupture with metal fragments striking and potentially seriously injuring the passenger seat occupant or other occupants.

#### REMEDY:

Toyota will notify owners of affected Toyota and Lexus vehicles and General Motors will notify owners of affected Pontiac Vibe vehicles. Toyota, Lexus, and GM dealers will inspect vehicles, and where a defective air bag inflator is identified, the inflator will be replaced, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided the agency with a notification schedule. Toyota and Lexus owners may contact Toyota at 1-800-331-4331. Pontiac Vibe owners may contact GM at 1-800-521-7300.

#### **RECALL Subject : Passenger Side Air Bag Inflator may Rupture**

**Report Receipt Date:** APR 11, 2013

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 13V132000

**Component(s):** AIR BAGS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 561,422

#### All Products Associated with this Recall

Vehicle MakeModelModel Year(s)

- HONDACIVIC2001-2003
- HONDACR-V2002-2003
- HONDAODYSSEY2002

#### Details

#### 5 Associated Documents

**Manufacturer:** Honda (American Honda Motor Co.)

#### SUMMARY:

Honda is recalling certain model year 2001-2003 Civic, model year 2002-2003 CR-V, and model year 2002 Odyssey vehicles to address a safety defect in the passenger side frontal air bag which may produce excessive internal pressure causing the inflator to rupture upon deployment of the air bag. This recall addresses both the passenger side frontal air bags that were originally installed in the vehicles, as well as replacement air bags that may have been installed as replacement service parts. A replacement air bag may have been installed, as one example, if a vehicle had been in a crash necessitating the replacement of the passenger side frontal air bag.

#### CONSEQUENCE:

In the event of a crash necessitating deployment of the passenger's frontal air bag, the inflator could rupture with metal fragments striking and potentially seriously injuring the passenger seat occupant or other occupants.

#### REMEDY:

Owners of all vehicles on which a defective air bag may have been installed either as original equipment, or as a replacement, will be notified. Dealers will inspect vehicles, and where a defective air bag inflator is identified, the inflator will be replaced, free of charge. The safety recall will begin on May 11, 2013. Owners may contact Honda automobile customer service at 1-800-999-1009. Honda's recall campaign number is S95.

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**Report Receipt Date:** APR 11, 2013  
**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 13V130000  
**Component(s):** AIR BAGS  
**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 149

**All Products Associated with this Recall** 

Vehicle MakeModelModel Year(s)

- MAZDAMAZDA62003-2004
- MAZDARX82004

**Details** 

**2 Associated Documents** 

**Manufacturer:** Mazda North American Operations

**SUMMARY:**

Mazda is recalling certain model year 2003-2004 Mazda6 vehicles manufactured January 14, 2003, through May 29, 2003; and 2004 RX-8 vehicles manufactured June 25, 2003, through June 30, 2003, to address a safety defect in the passenger side air bag which may produce excessive internal pressure causing the inflator to rupture upon deployment of the air bag.

**CONSEQUENCE:**

In the event of a crash necessitating deployment of the passenger's air bag, the inflator could rupture with metal fragments striking and potentially seriously injuring the passenger seat occupant or other occupants.

**REMEDY:**

Owners of all vehicles on which a defective air bag may have been installed either as original equipment will be notified. Dealers will inspect vehicles, and where a defective air bag inflator is identified, the inflator will be replaced, free of charge. The safety recall will begin in May 2013. Owners may contact Mazda Customer Assistance Center at 1-800-222-5500, option #6. Mazda's recall campaign number is 6913D.

**RECALL Subject : Parking Brake Cable may allow Truck to Roll**

**Report Receipt Date:** APR 03, 2013  
**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 13V128000  
**Component(s):** PARKING BRAKE  
**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 6,574

**All Products Associated with this Recall** 

Vehicle MakeModelModel Year(s)

- DODGERAM 15002013

[Details](#) 

[2 Associated Documents](#) 

**Manufacturer:** Chrysler Group LLC

**SUMMARY:**

Chrysler Group LLC (Chrysler) is recalling certain model year 2013 Dodge Ram 1500 vehicles manufactured December 17, 2012, through January 22, 2013. The parking brake cable equalizer was set incorrectly and may not hold the vehicle on a 20% grade. Thus, these vehicles fail to conform to the parking brake performance requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 135, "Light Vehicle Brake Systems."

**CONSEQUENCE:**

If the parking brake fails to operate as designed, the vehicle could roll when parked, increasing the risk of a crash.

**REMEDY:**

Chrysler will notify owners, and dealers will reset the parking brake cable equalizer if required, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin April 12, 2013. Owners may contact Chrysler at 1-800-247-9753. Chrysler's recall campaign number is N22.

**RECALL Subject : Inoperable Parking Brake**

**Report Receipt Date:** APR 03, 2013  
**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 13V124000  
**Component(s):** PARKING BRAKE  
**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 46

[All Products Associated with this Recall](#) 

Vehicle MakeModelModel Year(s)

- DODGEDART2013

[Details](#) 

[2 Associated Documents](#) 

**Manufacturer:** Chrysler Group LLC

**SUMMARY:**

Chrysler Group LLC (Chrysler) is recalling certain model year 2013 Dodge Dart vehicles manufactured on November 27, 2012. Some vehicles may have been built with incorrect rear brake calipers, which could result in an inoperable parking brake.

**CONSEQUENCE:**

If the parking brake is inoperable, the vehicle could roll when parked increasing the risk of a crash.

**REMEDY:**

Chrysler will notify owners, and dealers will replace the affected brake calipers, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin during April 2013. Owners may contact Chrysler at 1-800-247-9753. Chrysler's recall campaign number is N21.

**RECALL Subject : Drive Shaft Failure may cause Airbag Deployment**

**Report Receipt Date:** APR 03, 2013

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 13V121000

**Component(s):** AIR BAGS , POWER TRAIN , STRUCTURE

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 61,409

[All Products Associated with this Recall](#) 

Vehicle MakeModelModel Year(s)

- DODGENITRO2007-2008
- JEEPLIBERTY2008

[Details](#) 

[2 Associated Documents](#) 

**Manufacturer:** Chrysler Group LLC

**SUMMARY:**

Chrysler Group LLC (Chrysler) is recalling certain model year 2007-2008 Dodge Nitro 4X2 vehicles manufactured March 21, 2006, through March 1, 2008; and 2008 Jeep Liberty 4X2 vehicles manufactured February 15, 2007, through March 1, 2008. The transfer case heat shield may drop down and rub on the drive shaft, weakening it and potentially causing the drive shaft to break.

**CONSEQUENCE:**

If the drive shaft breaks, a section of it can strike the transfer case tunnel with enough force that the airbag computer will believe the vehicle is in a crash and thus deploy the airbags. Additionally, the drive shaft failure will result in a loss of motive power. Either condition may increase the risk of a crash.

**REMEDY:**

Chrysler will notify owners, and dealers will add a bracket to support the rear of the heat shield, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin during May 2013. Owners may contact Chrysler at 1-800-247-9753. Chrysler's recall campaign number is N10.

**RECALL Subject : Seat Airbag Wiring Harness**

**Report Receipt Date:** APR 03, 2013  
**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 13V118000  
**Component(s):** AIR BAGS  
**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 119,497

**All Products Associated with this Recall** 

Vehicle MakeModelModel Year(s)

- CHRYSLER3002011-2012
- DODGECHALLENGER2011-2012
- DODGECHARGER2011-2012

**Details** 

**2 Associated Documents** 

**Manufacturer:** Chrysler Group LLC

**SUMMARY:**

Chrysler Group LLC (Chrysler) is recalling certain model year 2011-2012 Chrysler 300, Dodge Challenger, and Dodge Charger vehicles manufactured April 11, 2011, through December 14, 2011. The affected vehicles may have improperly sized terminal crimps on the seat side-airbag wiring harness which may cause the seat side-airbags to malfunction and illuminate the airbag warning light.

**CONSEQUENCE:**

In the event of a crash necessitating airbag deployment the airbags may not operate as designed, increasing the risk of injury.

**REMEDY:**

Chrysler will notify owners, and dealers will replace both driver and passenger seat airbag wiring harnesses, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin during April 2013. Owners may contact Chrysler at 1-800-247-9753. Chrysler's recall campaign number is N07.

