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NHTSA Recalls of Interest April 20, 2015

RECALL Subject : Ignition Switch may Turn Off

Report Receipt Date: APR 01, 2015

NHTSA Campaign Number: 15V194000

Component(s): ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

Potential Number of Units Affected: 20,676

Vehicle Make	Model	Model Year(s)
• VOLKSWAGEN	ROUTAN	2009-2010

Manufacturer: Volkswagen Group of America, Inc.

SUMMARY:

Volkswagen Group of America, Inc. (Volkswagen) is recalling certain model year 2009 Routan vehicles manufactured June 25, 2008, to June 10, 2009, and 2010 Routan vehicles manufactured October 1, 2009, to August 11, 2010. This defect can affect the safe operation of the airbag system. Until this recall is performed, customers should remove all items from their key rings, leaving only the ignition key. The key fob (if applicable), should also be removed from the key ring. Road conditions or some other jarring event may cause the ignition switch to move out of the run position, turning off the engine.

CONSEQUENCE:

If the ignition key inadvertently moves into the OFF or ACCESSORY position, the engine will turn off, which will then depower various key safety systems including, but not limited to, air bags, power steering, and power braking. Loss of functionality of these systems may increase the risk of crash and/or increase the risk of injury in the event of a crash.

REMEDY:

Volkswagen will notify owners, and dealers will replace the ignition switch and key FOBs, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in April 2015 for 2009 Routan vehicles, and in August 2015 for 2010 Routan vehicles. Owners may contact Volkswagen customer service at 1-800-822-8987. Volkswagen's number for this recall is 28H1. Note: This recall supersedes recalls 11V151 and 14V396. Vehicles that previously received an ignition switch trim ring as a recall remedy must have their vehicles remedied again under this campaign. Vehicles that have already received a new ignition switch are not covered by this campaign.

RECALL Subject : Front Passenger Seat Occupant Detection Mat

Report Receipt Date: APR 06, 2015
NHTSA Campaign Number: 15V205000
Component(s): AIR BAGS
Potential Number of Units Affected: 91,800

Vehicle Make	Model	Model Year(s)
• MINI	COOPER	2005-2006
• MINI	COOPER CONVERTIBLE	2005-2008
• MINI	COOPER S	2005-2006
• MINI	COOPER S CONVERTIBLE	2005-2008

Manufacturer: BMW of North America, LLC

SUMMARY:

BMW of North America, LLC (BMW) is recalling certain model year 2005-2006 MINI Cooper and Cooper S vehicles manufactured January 5, 2005, to November 28, 2006, and 2005-2008 MINI Cooper Convertible and Cooper S Convertible vehicles manufactured January 5, 2005, to July 31, 2008. Due to manufacturing, installation, and exposure issues, the front passenger seat occupant detection mat may not function properly and, as a result, the front passenger air bag may not deploy in a crash.

CONSEQUENCE:

An improperly functioning mat may cause the passenger frontal air bag to be inactive when the seat is occupied, and in the event of a crash, the air bag will not deploy, increasing the passenger's risk of injury.

REMEDY:

MINI will notify owners, and dealers will replace the front passenger seat occupant detection mat, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin May 1, 2015.

RECALL Subject : Door may Open While Driving

Report Receipt Date: MAR 27, 2015
NHTSA Campaign Number: 15V178000
Component(s): STRUCTURE
Potential Number of Units Affected: 1,451

Vehicle Make	Model	Model Year(s)
• DODGE	VIPER	2013-2014

Manufacturer: Chrysler (FCA US LLC)

SUMMARY:

Chrysler (FCA US LLC) is recalling certain model year 2013-2014 Dodge Viper vehicles manufactured October 1, 2012, to February 6, 2014. Moisture may get into the door switch, resulting in the driver or passenger door opening unexpectedly while the vehicle is in motion.

CONSEQUENCE:

If the driver or passenger door opens unexpectedly while the vehicle is in motion, there is an increased risk of a crash and injury.

REMEDY:

Chrysler will notify owners, and dealers will replace the door handle assemblies and top covers, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin May 18, 2015.