



Automotive Safety Council

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NHTSA Recalls of Interest December 23, 2013

RECALL Subject : Inst. Panel may Interfere with Air Bag Deployment

Report Receipt Date: NOV 15, 2013
NHTSA Campaign Number: 13V570000
Component(s): AIR BAGS , ELECTRICAL SYSTEM
Potential Number of Units Affected: 3

Vehicle	MakeModel	Model Year(s)
• BMW	X3	2013

Manufacturer: BMW of North America, LLC

SUMMARY:

BMW of North America, LLC (BMW) is recalling certain model year 2013 X3 xDrive 28i/35i vehicles manufactured February 11, 2013, through February 27, 2013. Due to a production process error, the tear seam on the instrument panel was not manufactured correctly.

CONSEQUENCE:

In the event of a crash, the air bag could improperly deploy, thereby reducing the effectiveness of the air bag's protection and increasing the risk of injury to the front passenger. In addition, parts or fragments from the air bag system could strike and injure the front passenger or other vehicle occupants.

REMEDY:

BMW has notified owners and dealers will replace the instrument panel, free of charge.

RECALL Subject : Seat Belt Anchor Fittings

Report Receipt Date: NOV 20, 2013
NHTSA Campaign Number: 13V576000
Component(s): SEAT BELTS
Potential Number of Units Affected: 290

Vehicle	MakeModel	Model Year(s)
• MERCEDES BENZ	S550	2014

Manufacturer: Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC.

SUMMARY:

Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC (Mercedes-Benz) is recalling certain model year 2014 S550 vehicles manufactured April 11, 2013, through October 14, 2013. In the affected vehicles, the front seat belt anchor might not be installed correctly allowing it to come loose in a crash.

CONSEQUENCE:

If the seat belt anchor comes loose, in the event of a crash, the occupant may not be properly secured, increasing the risk of injury.

REMEDY:

Mercedes-Benz will notify owners, and dealers will inspect and correct the front seat belt anchor fitting, as necessary, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in December 2013.

RECALL Subject : Driver's Seat Belt Buckle may not Unlatch

Report Receipt Date: NOV 20, 2013
NHTSA Campaign Number: 13V579000
Component(s): SEAT BELTS
Potential Number of Units Affected: 802

Vehicle	MakeModel	Model Year(s)
• BLUE BIRD	ALL AMERICAN	2014-2015
• BLUE BIRD	VISION	2014-2015

Manufacturer: Blue Bird Body Company

SUMMARY:

Blue Bird Body Company (Blue Bird) is recalling certain model year 2014 and 2015 Vision and All American model school buses manufactured August 23, 2013, through November 6, 2013 and equipped with IMMI-brand L9 driver's seat belts. When the button is pressed to release the seat belt, the latch plate can become partially engaged with the buckle, preventing the seat belt from unlatching. Thus, this equipment fails to conform to the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 209, "Seat Belt Assemblies."

CONSEQUENCE:

If the seat belt buckle stays latched when the button is pressed, there is an increased risk of injury in an emergency, or the seat belt may not properly release in the event of an accident.

REMEDY:

Blue Bird will notify owners, and dealers will inspect the seat belt buckle, and if necessary, replace the seat belt buckle, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin on December 19, 2013.

RECALL Subject : Interior Side Door Lock May Become Inoperable

Report Receipt Date: NOV 22, 2013

NHTSA Campaign Number: 13V585000

Component(s): LATCHES/LOCKS/LINKAGES

Potential Number of Units Affected: 226,560

Vehicle	MakeModel	Model Year(s)
• ENTEGRA	TOWABLE TRAILER	2006-2014
• JAYCO	TOWABLE TRAILER	2006-2014
• STARCRAFT	TOWABLE TRAILER	2006-2014

Manufacturer: Jayco, Inc.

SUMMARY:

Jayco Corporation (Jayco) is recalling all model year 2006-2014 Jayco, Starcraft, and Entegra towable travel, fifth wheel and camping trailers manufactured January 1, 2006, through April 30, 2013 and equipped with Fastec-brand door locks. It may be possible to remove the key from the lock in a way that potentially jams the deadbolt.

CONSEQUENCE:

If the deadbolt jams, the interior side of the door lock may also jam. A person inside the travel trailer at the time will then be locked in and be unable to exit the vehicle without using the emergency exit, increasing the risk of injury.

REMEDY:

Jayco will notify owners, and Fastec will coordinate the inspection and replacement of the cylinders, as needed, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule.