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## NHTSA Recalls of Interest December 22, 2014

**RECALL Subject : Driver Side Frontal Air Bag Inflator may Rupture , 1 INVESTIGATION(S)**

**Report Receipt Date:** JUN 19, 2014

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 14V344000

**Component(s):** AIR BAGS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 330,000

Vehicle Make	Model	Model Year(s)
• MAZDA	MAZDA6	2004-2008
• MAZDA	MAZDASPEED6	2006-2007
• MAZDA	RX-8	2004-2008

**Manufacturer:** Mazda North American Operations

### SUMMARY:

Mazda North America Operations (Mazda) is recalling certain model year 2004-2008 Mazda6, 2006-2007 Mazdaspeed6, and 2004-2008 RX-8 vehicles. Upon deployment of the driver side frontal air bag, excessive internal pressure may cause the inflator to rupture.

### CONSEQUENCE:

In the event of a crash necessitating deployment of the driver side frontal air bag, the inflator could rupture with metal fragments striking and potentially seriously injuring the vehicle occupants.

### REMEDY:

Mazda will notify owners, and dealers will replace the air bag inflators, free of charge. The recall began October 17, 2014 for those vehicles originally sold, or currently registered, in Florida, Puerto Rico, and Hawaii. All other affected owners will be notified by mid-February 2015. Owners may contact Mazda customer service at 1-800-222-5500. Mazda's number for this recall is 7914J. Note: This recall previously included vehicles being recalled for potential inflator ruptures on passenger frontal air bag inflators. Those inflators and vehicles are now covered by safety recall 14V-773.

**RECALL Subject : Driver Side Frontal Air Bag Inflator may Rupture , 1 INVESTIGATION(S)**

**Report Receipt Date:** DEC 19, 2014

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 14V802000

**Component(s):** AIR BAGS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 462,911

Vehicle Make	Model	Model Year(s)
• FORD	GT	2005-2006
• FORD	MUSTANG	2005-2008

**Manufacturer:** Ford Motor Company

**SUMMARY:**

Ford Motor Company (Ford) is recalling certain model year 2005-2008 Ford Mustang vehicles manufactured August 1, 2004, to June 30, 2007, and 2005-2006 Ford GT vehicles manufactured February 11, 2005, to January 30, 2006. Upon deployment of the driver side frontal air bag, excessive internal pressure may cause the inflator to rupture.

**CONSEQUENCE:**

In the event of a crash necessitating deployment of the driver side frontal air bag, the inflator could rupture with metal fragments striking and potentially seriously injuring the vehicle occupants.

**REMEDY:**

Ford will notify owners, and dealers will replace the driver side frontal air bag inflator, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact Ford customer service at 1-866-436-7332. Ford's number for this recall is 14B09. NOTE: This recall supersedes, in part, safety recall 14V-343 as to the front driver air bag inflators in 2005-2008 Ford Mustang and 2005-2006 Ford GT vehicles only. The driver's air bag inflators in 2004-2005 Ford Rangers originally sold, or ever registered in, certain hot and humid locations will continue to be addressed by that recall.

**RECALL Subject : Passenger Front Air Bag Inflator May Rupture , 1 INVESTIGATION(S)**

**Report Receipt Date:** DEC 12, 2014

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 14V787000

**Component(s):** AIR BAGS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 0

Vehicle Make	Model	Model Year(s)
• FORD	GT	2005-2006
• FORD	RANGER	2004-2005

**Manufacturer:** Ford Motor Company

**SUMMARY:**

Ford Motor Company, (Ford) is conducting a regional recall for certain model year 2004-2005 Ford Ranger and 2005-2006 Ford GT vehicles vehicles originally sold, or ever registered, in geographic locations associated with high absolute humidity. Specifically, vehicles sold, or ever registered, in Florida, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Saipan, Guam, and American Samoa, as well as certain areas of Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, and Georgia, are included. Upon

deployment of the passenger side frontal air bag, excessive internal pressure may cause the inflator to rupture.

**CONSEQUENCE:**

In the event of a crash necessitating deployment of the passenger side frontal air bag, the inflator could rupture with metal fragments striking and potentially seriously injuring the vehicle occupants.

**REMEDY:**

Ford will notify owners, and dealers will replace the inflators in all affected vehicles, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in the latter part of January 2015. Owners may contact Ford customer service at 1-866-436-7332. Ford's number for this recall is 14S28. NOTE: This recall supersedes, in part, safety recall 14V-343 as to the front passenger air bag inflators only. The driver's air bag inflators will continue to be addressed by that recall.

**RECALL Subject : Plastic Sliding Door Panel Separation**

**Report Receipt Date:** DEC 05, 2014

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 14V777000

**Component(s):** STRUCTURE

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 19,825

Vehicle Make	Model	Model Year(s)
• FORD	TRANSIT CONNECT	2014

**Manufacturer:** Ford Motor Company

**SUMMARY:**

Ford Motor Company (Ford) is recalling certain model year 2014 Ford Transit Connect cargo vans manufactured August 9, 2013, to September 20, 2014. The affected vehicles are equipped with sliding door panels that may have an improper bond strength between the plastic panel and paint primer. This could cause the door panel to separate from the vehicle while driving.

**CONSEQUENCE:**

If the plastic sliding door panel separates while driving, it can increase the risk of a vehicle crash.

**REMEDY:**

Ford will notify owners, and dealers will reinstall the panel with proper materials, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin January 12, 2015.

**RECALL Subject : Air Bag Deployment may Cause Assist Grip To Detach**

**Report Receipt Date:** NOV 26, 2014

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 14V757000

**Component(s):** AIR BAGS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 25,552

Vehicle Make	Model	Model Year(s)
• TOYOTA	SIENNA	2015

**Manufacturer:** Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing

**SUMMARY:**

Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing (Toyota) is recalling certain model year 2015 Sienna vehicles manufactured September 2, 2014, to November 14, 2014. In the event of a crash that necessitates the deployment of the curtain shield airbag (CSA), the second row overhead assist grips may detach.

**CONSEQUENCE:**

If the assist grip detaches due to CSA deployment, the grip may strike a vehicle occupant, increasing the risk of injury.

**REMEDY:**

Toyota will notify owners, and dealers will modify the headliner near the second row overhead assist grip, free of charge. The recall is expected begin on January 15, 2015.

**RECALL Subject : Seatback may Fold in Rear Impact Crash**

**Report Receipt Date:** NOV 10, 2014  
**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 14V721000  
**Component(s):** SEATS  
**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 846

Vehicle Make	Model	Model Year(s)
• MINI	COOPER	2015

**Manufacturer:** BMW of North America, LLC

**SUMMARY:**

BMW of North America, LLC (BMW) is recalling certain model year 2015 MINI Cooper Hardtop 2 Door vehicles manufactured August 12, 2014, to September 2, 2014. In the affected vehicles, the driver and front passenger seatback adjustment mechanism may not be fully engaged.

**CONSEQUENCE:**

If the seatback adjustment mechanism is not fully engaged, the seatback may fold during a rear impact collision, increasing the risk of injury to the seat occupant.

**REMEDY:**

MINI will notify owners, and dealers will re-align and re-tighten the seatback adjustment mechanisms, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in December 2014.

