



Automotive Safety Council

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NHTSA Recalls of Interest December 8, 2014

RECALL Subject : Tire Pressure Warning may Illuminate/FMVSS 138

Report Receipt Date: OCT 08, 2014

NHTSA Campaign Number: 14V632000

Component(s): TIRES

Potential Number of Units Affected: 10,390

Vehicle Make	Model	Model Year(s)
• CHRYSLER	TOWN AND COUNTRY	2014
• DODGE	GRAND CARAVAN	2014
• JEEP	WRANGLER	2014

Manufacturer: Chrysler Group LLC

SUMMARY:

Chrysler Group LLC (Chrysler) is recalling certain model year 2014 Chrysler Town and Country and Dodge Grand Caravan vehicles manufactured March 20, 2014, to April 22, 2014, and 2014 Jeep Wrangler vehicles manufactured March 21, 2014, to April 22, 2014. Due to a software error, the Tire Pressure Monitoring System (TPMS) may fail to learn the locations of the individual sensors while the vehicle is being driven. As a result, the low tire pressure warning light will illuminate, despite the the tire pressures being within specification. Should one of the tires lose air pressure, the driver would not be notified of the change in air pressure. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 138, "Tire Pressure Monitoring Systems."

CONSEQUENCE:

If the TPMS light illuminates because the sensors cannot be located, it could mask an actual low tire pressure condition, possibly resulting in tire failure, increasing the risk of a crash.

REMEDY:

Chrysler has notified owners, and dealers will reprogram the TPMS module, free of charge. The recall began on October 23, 2014.

RECALL Subject : Front Seat Belts Not may not Function in Cold

Report Receipt Date: OCT 10, 2014

NHTSA Campaign Number: 14V639000

Component(s): SEAT BELTS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 43,481

Vehicle Make	Model	Model Year(s)
• ACURA	MDX	2014-2015
• ACURA	RLX	2014

Manufacturer: Honda (American Honda Motor Co.)

SUMMARY:

American Honda Motor Company (Honda) is recalling certain model year 2014-2015 Acura MDX vehicles manufactured April 23, 2013, to August 25, 2014, and 2014 Acura RLX vehicles manufactured November 5, 2012, to November 25, 2013. In the affected vehicles, the driver and front passenger seat belt may not extend or retract in low temperatures.

CONSEQUENCE:

A seatbelt that does not function increases the risk of injury in a crash.

REMEDY:

Honda has notified owners, and dealers will replace the driver and front passenger seat belts, free of charge. The recall began in November 2014

RECALL Subject : Passenger Safety Belt Tension Sensor/FMVSS 208

Report Receipt Date: OCT 17, 2014

NHTSA Campaign Number: 14V649000

Component(s): SEAT BELTS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 50

Vehicle Make	Model	Model Year(s)
• FORD	MUSTANG	2015

Manufacturer: Ford Motor Company

SUMMARY:

Ford Motor Company (Ford) is recalling certain model year 2015 Ford Mustang vehicles manufactured August 18, 2014, to October 2, 2014. In the affected vehicles, the passenger safety belt tension sensor may misclassify the size of the front passenger seat occupant. This could cause a child size occupant to be classified as an adult and an adult passenger to be classified as a child passenger. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 208, "Occupant Crash Protection."

CONSEQUENCE:

If the tension sensor misclassifies the front passenger, improper passenger air bag deployment may occur, increasing the risk of occupant injury in the event of a vehicle crash.

REMEDY:

Ford has notified owners, and dealers will replace the passenger safety belt buckle, free of charge. The recall is expected to began on October 24, 2014.

RECALL Subject : Sun-Roof May Break

Report Receipt Date: OCT 20, 2014
NHTSA Campaign Number: 14V658000
Component(s): VISIBILITY
Potential Number of Units Affected: 7,062

Vehicle Make	Model	Model Year(s)
• VOLKSWAGEN	BEETLE	2013-2015

Manufacturer: Volkswagen Group of America, Inc.

SUMMARY:

Volkswagen Group of America, Inc. (Volkswagen) is recalling certain model year 2013-2015 Beetle vehicles manufactured June 13, 2013, to July 3, 2014. The glass sunroofs in the affected vehicles may break when the vehicles are operated over a hard road surface or strike a pothole.

CONSEQUENCE:

Vehicle occupants could be injured by falling glass. A sunroof break during vehicle operation also increases the risk of driver distraction and a resulting vehicle crash.

REMEDY:

Volkswagen will notify owners, and dealers will replace the sunroof, free of charge. VW intends start its recall camapign on or about December 19, 2014