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NHTSA Recalls of Interest February 22, 2016

RECALL Subject : Driver's Frontal Air Bag Inflator May Rupture , 1 INVESTIGATION(S)

Report Receipt Date: FEB 03, 2016

NHTSA Campaign Number: 16V063000

Component(s): AIR BAGS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 179,861

Vehicle Make	Model	Model Year(s)
• SAAB	9-3	2003-2011
• SAAB	9-5	2010-2011
• SATURN	ASTRA	2008-2009

Manufacturer: General Motors LLC

SUMMARY:

General Motors LLC (GM) is recalling certain model year 2003-2011 Saab 9-3 vehicles manufactured May 31, 2002, to February 15, 2011, 2010-2011 Saab 9-5 vehicles manufactured June 23, 2010, to February 21, 2011, and 2008-2009 Saturn Astra vehicles manufactured April 11, 2007, to July 24, 2008. Upon deployment of the driver's frontal air bag, excessive internal pressure may cause the inflator to rupture.

CONSEQUENCE:

In the event of a crash necessitating deployment of the driver's frontal air bag, the inflator could rupture with metal fragments striking the driver or other occupants resulting in serious injury or death.

REMEDY:

GM will notify owners, and dealers will replace the driver's frontal air bag inflator on Saab 9-3 and 9-5 vehicles and will replace the driver's frontal airbag module on Saturn Astra vehicles, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule.

RECALL Subject : Inadvertent Side Curtain Air Bag Deployment

Report Receipt Date: FEB 05, 2016

NHTSA Campaign Number: 16V065000

Component(s): AIR BAGS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 320,409

Vehicle Make	Model	Model Year(s)
• LEXUS	GX470	2004-2006
• LEXUS	LX470	2003-2006
• TOYOTA	4RUNNER	2004-2006
• TOYOTA	LAND CRUISER	2003-2006
• TOYOTA	SEQUOIA	2005-2006
• TOYOTA	TUNDRA	2005-2006

Manufacturer: Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing

SUMMARY:

Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing (Toyota) is recalling certain model year 2003-2006 Toyota Land Cruiser and Lexus LX470, 2005-2006 Toyota Tundra and Sequoia, 2004-2006 Toyota 4Runner and Lexus GX470 vehicles equipped with side curtain-shield-air bags. The affected vehicles have a Denso Corporation air bag control module that may be improperly programmed, causing the side curtain-shield-air bags to deploy inadvertently.

CONSEQUENCE:

If the side curtain-shield-air bags deploy unexpectedly, it can increase the risk of occupant injury.

REMEDY:

Toyota will notify owners, and dealers will replace the air bag control module with one that has

improved programming, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin April 2, 2016.

RECALL Subject : Loss of Power Steering Assist

Report Receipt Date: FEB 01, 2016

NHTSA Campaign Number: 16V054000

Component(s): STEERING

Potential Number of Units Affected: 2,988

Vehicle Make	Model	Model Year(s)
• CHEVROLET	COLORADO	2015
• GMC	CANYON	2015

Manufacturer: General Motors LLC

SUMMARY:

General Motors LLC (GM) is recalling certain model year 2015 Chevrolet Colorado vehicles manufactured January 6, 2015, to March 17, 2015, and 2015 GMC Canyon vehicles manufactured January 6, 2015, to March 19, 2015. A poor electrical connection within the steering gear connector may cause a loss of power steering assist.

CONSEQUENCE:

A loss or reduction in power steering assist may increase the risk of a crash.

REMEDY:

GM will notify owners, and dealers will replace the steering gear pinion sensor cover assembly, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule.

RECALL Subject : Inflator Gas may Leak from Driver's Knee Air Bag

Report Receipt Date: FEB 01, 2016

NHTSA Campaign Number: 16V053000

Component(s): AIR BAGS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 5,070

Vehicle Make	Model	Model Year(s)
• LEXUS	RX350	2016
• LEXUS	RX450H	2016

Manufacturer: Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing

SUMMARY:

Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing (Toyota) is recalling certain model year 2016 Lexus RX350 and RX450h vehicles manufactured November 16, 2015, to December 23, 2015. Due to an improper weld, the gas needed to inflate the driver's knee air bag may escape from the inflator.

CONSEQUENCE:

A defective inflator may increase the risk of injury in the event of a crash.

REMEDY:

Toyota will notify owners, and dealers will inspect and, if necessary, replace the knee air bag assembly, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin March 27, 2016.

RECALL Subject : Loss of Trailer Braking Function

Report Receipt Date: JAN 28, 2016

NHTSA Campaign Number: 16V046000

Component(s): ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

Potential Number of Units Affected: 75

Vehicle Make	Model	Model Year(s)
• FORD	E-350	2016
• FORD	E-450	2016

Manufacturer: Ford Motor Company

SUMMARY:

Ford Motor Company (Ford) is recalling certain model year 2016 E-350 and E-450 vehicles manufactured November 3, 2014, to December 10, 2015 and equipped with a 6.8L engine and an optional trailer brake controller. The trailer braking system may fail, increasing the distance needed to stop the vehicle.

CONSEQUENCE:

If the vehicle unexpectedly needs an extended braking distance, there would be an increased risk of a crash.

REMEDY:

Ford will notify owners, and dealers will reprogram the powertrain control module, free of charge. The recall began on February 15, 2016.