



Automotive Safety Council

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NHTSA Recalls of Interest January 4, 2016

RECALL Subject : Passenger Seat Occupant Detection System may Fail

Report Receipt Date: DEC 08, 2015

NHTSA Campaign Number: 15V823000

Component(s): AIR BAGS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 21,074

Vehicle Make	Model	Model Year(s)
• AUDI	A6	2012-2013
• AUDI	A7	2012-2013

Manufacturer: Volkswagen Group of America, Inc.

SUMMARY:

Volkswagen Group of America, Inc. (Volkswagen) is recalling certain model year 2012-2013 Audi A6 vehicles manufactured March 28, 2011, to March 25, 2013, and 2012-2013 Audi A7 vehicles manufactured January 25, 2011, to March 19, 2013. In vehicles with heated and cooled seats, the Passenger Occupant Detection System (PODS), used to enable the front passenger air bags, may malfunction and prevent the passenger-side air bags from deploying in a crash.

CONSEQUENCE:

An air bag that does not deploy as intended increases the risk of occupant injury in a crash.

REMEDY:

Volkswagen will notify owners, and Audi dealers will install a PODS system repair kit, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in February 2016.

RECALL Subject : Side Air Bag May Not Deploy Due to Seat Stitching

Report Receipt Date: DEC 08, 2015

NHTSA Campaign Number: 15V824000

Component(s): AIR BAGS , SEATS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 904

Vehicle Make	Model	Model Year(s)
• AUDI	A3	2015

Manufacturer: Volkswagen Group of America, Inc.

SUMMARY:

Volkswagen Group of America, LLC (Volkswagen) is recalling certain model year 2015 Audi A3 Cabriolet vehicles manufactured June 5, 2014, to April 1, 2015. The affected vehicles have a driver or front passenger seat whose cover may be incorrectly stitched, preventing the side air bag from properly deploying in the event of a crash.

CONSEQUENCE:

Improper side air bag deployment may increase the risk of injury in the event of a crash.

REMEDY:

Volkswagen will notify owners, and dealers will replace the driver's and/or front passenger's seatback cover, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in February 2016.

RECALL Subject : Mounting Stud may cause Air Bag Module to Fracture

Report Receipt Date: DEC 10, 2015

NHTSA Campaign Number: 15V830000

Component(s): AIR BAGS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 90

Vehicle Make	Model	Model Year(s)
• CHEVROLET	SILVERADO	2016
• GMC	SIERRA	2016

Manufacturer: General Motors LLC

SUMMARY:

General Motors LLC (GM) is recalling certain model year 2016 Chevrolet Silverado and GMC Sierra pick up trucks manufactured October 13, 2015, to October 14, 2015. In the affected vehicles, the mounting stud used to secure the air bag sensing and diagnostic Module (SDM) may be incorrectly positioned, and as a result, the SDM housing could fracture.

CONSEQUENCE:

If the SDM housing fractures, water may get into SDM causing it to malfunction and hinder the proper deployment of the air bags in the event of a crash, thereby increasing the risk of occupant injury.

REMEDY:

GM will notify owners, and dealers will have the mounting stud repositioned and the SDM replaced, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule.

RECALL Subject : Loss of Headlights , 1 INVESTIGATION(S)

Report Receipt Date: DEC 22, 2015

NHTSA Campaign Number: 15V861000

Component(s): EXTERIOR LIGHTING

Potential Number of Units Affected: 296,004

Vehicle Make	Model	Model Year(s)
• FORD	CROWN VICTORIA	2003-2005
• MERCURY	GRAND MARQUIS	2003-2005

Manufacturer: Ford Motor Company

SUMMARY:

Ford Motor Company (Ford) is recalling certain model year 2003-2005 Ford Crown Victoria and Mercury Grand Marquis vehicles manufactured October 3, 2001, to August 2, 2005. The affected

vehicles have a lighting control module (LCM) that may fail, resulting in a loss of headlights.

CONSEQUENCE:

A loss of headlights can reduce driver visibility and increase the risk of a crash.

REMEDY:

Ford will notify owners, and dealers will replace the LCM, free of charge. Parts are not currently available to remedy the affected vehicles. Owners will be mailed interim notifications beginning on January 19, 2016. A second notice will be mailed when remedy parts are available.

RECALL Subject : Intermittent Loss of Ignition Switch Contact

Report Receipt Date: NOV 25, 2015
NHTSA Campaign Number: 15V799000
Component(s): ELECTRICAL SYSTEM
Potential Number of Units Affected: 16,114

Vehicle Make	Model	Model Year(s)
• RAM	PRO MASTER	2015

Manufacturer: Chrysler (FCA US LLC)

SUMMARY:

Chrysler (FCA US LLC) is recalling certain model year 2015 Ram ProMaster vans manufactured October 1, 2014, to June 17, 2015. The affected vehicles have an ignition switch that may experience an intermittent loss of electrical contact.

CONSEQUENCE:

An intermittent loss of contact can result in a vehicle stall and/or a partial or complete loss of the air bags, anti-lock brakes, electronic stability control and/or instrument panel cluster. 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:

Chrysler will notify owners, and dealers will replace the ignition switch contact holder block, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule

