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## NHTSA Recalls of Interest July 13, 2015

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

**Report Receipt Date:** JUL 10, 2015

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 15V444000

**Component(s):** AIR BAGS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 88,346

Vehicle Make	Model	Model Year(s)
• DODGE	CHALLENGER	2008-2010

**Manufacturer:** Chrysler (FCA US LLC)

#### **SUMMARY:**

Chrysler (FCA US LLC) is recalling certain model year 2008-2010 Dodge Challenger vehicles manufactured September 19, 2007, to October 29, 2010. The affected vehicles are equipped with a dual-stage driver frontal air bag that may be susceptible to moisture intrusion which, over time, could 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:**

Chrysler will notify owners, and dealers will replace the driver's frontal air bag inflator, free of charge. Parts to remedy the vehicles are not currently available. Interim notices will be mailed to owners beginning August 14, 2015. Owners will be sent a second notice when remedy parts become available.

## **RECALL Subject : Engine may Continue to Run/FMVSS 114**

**Report Receipt Date:** JUL 08, 2015

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 15V436000

**Component(s):** ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 374,781

Vehicle Make	Model	Model Year(s)
• FORD	C-MAX	2015
• FORD	ESCAPE	2015
• FORD	FOCUS	2015

**Manufacturer:** Ford Motor Company

### **SUMMARY:**

Ford Motor Company (Ford) is recalling certain model year 2015 Ford Escape vehicles manufactured April 1, 2014, to June 12, 2015, Ford Focus vehicles manufactured June 17, 2014, to June 12, 2015, and Ford C-Max vehicles manufactured April 22, 2014, to June 12, 2015. Evaluations included supplier testing, and software and hardware reviews of the body control module. It was determined that functional degradation of the body control module internal microprocessor can prevent the engine from shutting down when the key is turned off or the engine Start/Stop button is pushed, while allowing the key to be removed from the ignition. In the affected vehicles, the engine may continue to run after the key or the START/STOP engine button is turned to off. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 114, "Theft Protection and Rollaway Prevention."

### **CONSEQUENCE:**

If the engine does not turn off as expected, someone could move the transmission shifter out of park and the vehicle may move unintentionally, increasing the risk of a crash.

### **REMEDY:**

Ford will notify owners, and dealers will update the body control module software, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin July 20, 2015.

## **RECALL Subject : Liftgate Struts may Fail and Liftgate may Fall**

**Report Receipt Date:** JUN 30, 2015

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 15V415000

**Component(s):** STRUCTURE

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 686,287

Vehicle Make	Model	Model Year(s)
• BUICK	ENCLAVE	2008-2012
• CHEVROLET	TRAVERSE	2009-2012
• GMC	ACADIA	2007-2012
• SATURN	OUTLOOK	2007-2010

**Manufacturer:** General Motors LLC

### **SUMMARY:**

General Motors LLC (GM) is recalling certain model year 2008-2012 Buick Enclave vehicles manufactured January 3, 2007, to February 29, 2012, 2009-2012 Chevrolet Traverse vehicles manufactured July 6, 2008, to February 29, 2012, 2007-2012 GMC Acadia vehicles manufactured September 15, 2006, to February 29, 2012, and 2007-2010 Saturn Outlook vehicles manufactured August 17, 2006, to March 18, 2010. The affected vehicles, equipped with the power liftgate option, have gas struts that hold the power liftgate up when open. These struts may prematurely wear and the open liftgate may suddenly fall.

### **CONSEQUENCE:**

If the open liftgate unexpectedly falls, it may strike a person, increasing their risk of injury.

### **REMEDY:**

GM will notify owners, and dealers will update the software for the power liftgate actuator motor control unit so that the motor will prevent the rapid closing of the lift gate, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule.

## **RECALL Subject : Steel Cable that Anchors Seat Belt may Fail**

**Report Receipt Date:** JUN 23, 2015

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 15V399000

**Component(s):** SEAT BELTS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 47,042

Vehicle Make	Model	Model Year(s)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>CHEVROLET</li><li>PONTIAC</li></ul>	CAPRICE G8	2011-2013 2008-2009

**Manufacturer:** General Motors LLC

### **SUMMARY:**

General Motors LLC (GM) is recalling certain model year 2011-2013 Chevrolet Caprice vehicles manufactured October 15, 2010, to October 22, 2013, and 2008-2009 Pontiac G8 vehicles manufactured July 25, 2007, to February 18, 2009. In the affected vehicles, the flexible steel cables that connect the seat belts to the vehicle at the outside of the driver seat and the front passenger seat may be bent from being sat on while entering the vehicle. This repeated bending may result in the cable breaking.

### **CONSEQUENCE:**

If the cable breaks, the seat occupant may not be properly restrained in the event of a crash, increasing their risk of injury.

### **REMEDY:**

GM will notify owners, and dealers will replace the seat belt tensioner assembly which includes the steel cable, free of charge. These replacement parts reposition the tensioner cable out of the path of entry into the vehicle and uses a more flexible cable, set at a more upright angle. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule.

## **RECALL Subject : Doors may Unexpectedly Unlatch when Closed**

**Report Receipt Date:** JUN 17, 2015

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 15V385000

**Component(s):** LATCHES/LOCKS/LINKAGES

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 65,352

Vehicle Make	Model	Model Year(s)
• LAND ROVER	RANGE ROVER	2013-2016
• LAND ROVER	RANGE ROVER SPORT	2014-2016

**Manufacturer:** Jaguar Land Rover North America, LLC

### **SUMMARY:**

Jaguar Land Rover North America, LLC (Land Rover) is recalling certain model year 2013-2016 Range Rover vehicles manufactured July 26, 2012, to March 9, 2015, and 2014-2016 Range Rover Sport vehicles manufactured February 18, 2013, to March 5, 2015. In the affected vehicles, the doors may unlatch unexpectedly when closed due to an electrical system specification difference where a short circuit was applied to the Keyless Vehicle release motor directly after energizing for a keyless vehicle passive entry actuation whereas the latch supplier specification stated a preference for open circuit. This short circuit effectively turns the motor into a brake, slowing or in some cases stopping the lever from returning to its home position. If the lever is held away from its home position then the pawl is constantly in a state of clearance to the claw – the claw is free to rotate, and release. This means that during a standard door closure operation the latch appears to take the striker and the door can be closed with the side of the vehicle but the door is not securely retained by the latch.

### **CONSEQUENCE:**

If a vehicle door unlatches, the distraction may increase the risk of a crash and/or a vehicle occupant may fall out of the vehicle if they are not wearing a seatbelt, increasing their risk of injury.

### **REMEDY:**

Land Rover will notify owners, and dealers will update the keyless entry software, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin August 7, 2015.

