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NHTSA Recalls of Interest July 8, 2013

RECALL Subject : Side Airbags may Deploy on the Incorrect Side

Report Receipt Date: JUL 02, 2013

NHTSA Campaign Number: 13V283000

Component(s): AIR BAGS , ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

Potential Number of Units Affected: 224,254

All Products Associated with this Recall

Vehicle MakeModelModel Year(s)

- CHRYSLERTOWN AND COUNTRY2013
- DODGEGRAND CARAVAN2013
- RAMC/V TRADESMAN2013

Details

2 Associated Documents

Manufacturer: Chrysler Group LLC

SUMMARY:

Chrysler is recalling certain model year 2013 Town & Country, Dodge Grand Caravan, and RAM C/V Tradesman vehicles manufactured May 10, 2012, through June 7, 2013. A software error may result in the opposite side airbags deploying from the collision point (a left side impact would deploy the right side airbags and vice versa).

CONSEQUENCE:

In the event of a crash, the wrong side airbags could deploy leaving the occupant with no airbag protection at the point of impact, increasing the risk of injury.

REMEDY:

Chrysler will notify owners, and dealers will flash the occupant restraint control module, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in August 2013. Owners may contact Chrysler at 1-800-247-9753.

RECALL Subject : Non-Deployment of Head Restraints

Report Receipt Date: JUL 02, 2013
NHTSA Campaign Number: 13V282000
Component(s): AIR BAGS , ELECTRICAL SYSTEM
Potential Number of Units Affected: 442,481

[All Products Associated with this Recall](#)

Vehicle MakeModelModel Year(s)

- CHRYSLER2002011-2013
- CHRYSLERSEBRING2011-2013
- DODGEAVENGER2011-2013
- DODGENITRO2011-2012
- JEEPLIBERTY2011-2012

[Details](#)

[1 Associated Document](#)

Manufacturer: Chrysler Group LLC

SUMMARY:

Chrysler is recalling certain model year 2011-2013 Sebring and 200 vehicles manufactured June 28, 2011, through December 13, 2012; model year 2011-2013 Dodge Avenger vehicles manufactured June 25, 2011, through January 14, 2013; model year 2011-2012 Dodge Nitro vehicles manufactured June 17, 2011, through December 15, 2011; and model year 2011-2012 Jeep Liberty vehicles manufactured June 17, 2011, through August 15, 2012. Electrical over-stress of a resistor in the occupant restraint control module may lead to the non-deployment of the active head restraints during a rear impact collision.

CONSEQUENCE:

In the event of a crash necessitating the deployment of the active head restraints , their non-deployment could increase the risk of injury.

REMEDY:

Chrysler will notify owners, and dealers will flash the Totally Integrated Power Module (TIPM) or replace the occupant restraint control module, as needed, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in August 2013

RECALL Subject : Brakes May Lock Up/FMVSS 126, 135

Report Receipt Date: JUN 27, 2013
NHTSA Campaign Number: 13V271000
Component(s): ELECTRONIC STABILITY CONTROL , SERVICE BRAKES
Potential Number of Units Affected: 4

[All Products Associated with this Recall](#)

Vehicle MakeModelModel Year(s)

- CHEVROLETVOLT2012

[Details](#)

[1 Associated Document](#)

Manufacturer: General Motors LLC

SUMMARY:

General Motors (GM) is recalling certain model year 2012 Chevrolet Volt vehicles manufactured March 1, 2012, through April 17, 2012. Due to a brake pressure modulator valve problem, the vehicles do not relieve brake pressure from the front brakes during an anti-lock brake system (ABS), electronic stability control (ESC), or traction control event. One or both front brakes may lock up and not release. Thus, these vehicles fail to conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) No. 126, "Electronic Stability Control Systems" and No. 135, "Light Vehicle Brake Systems."

CONSEQUENCE:

If the brakes lock up it could cause a loss of steering control and/or a lengthened distance needed to stop the vehicle, increasing the risk of a crash.

REMEDY:

General Motors will notify owners, and dealers will install a new brake pressure modulator valve free of charge. The recall is expected to begin July 12, 2013.

RECALL Subject : Possible Inadvertant Airbag Deployment

Report Receipt Date: JUN 26, 2013
NHTSA Campaign Number: 13V266000
Component(s): AIR BAGS , ELECTRICAL SYSTEM
Potential Number of Units Affected: 70

All Products Associated with this Recall

Vehicle MakeModelModel Year(s)

- SPARTANGLADIATOR2013
- SPARTANMETROSTAR2013

Details

2 Associated Documents

Manufacturer: Spartan Motors, Inc.

SUMMARY:

Spartan Motors Chassis, Inc. (Spartan Chassis) is recalling certain model year 2013 Metro Star and Gladiator emergency vehicles manufactured August 7, 2012, through June 6, 2013. Due to electrical signal fluctuations, the circuits in the restraints control module may become damaged. If damaged, the airbag or seat belt pretensioner may inadvertently deploy.

CONSEQUENCE:

If the seatbelt pretensioner or the air bag inadvertently deploys while driving, it may result in personal injury or increase the risk of a crash.

REMEDY:

Spartan Chassis will notify owners, and dealers will add a suppression device to reduce electrical signal fluctuations, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin by late to mid-July 2013.

RECALL Subject : Occupant Detection System may Improperly Classify

Report Receipt Date: JUN 25, 2013
NHTSA Campaign Number: 13V264000

Component(s): AIR BAGS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 5,200

[All Products Associated with this Recall](#) 

Vehicle MakeModelModel Year(s)

- HYUNDAIAZERA2012-2013

[Details](#) 

[2 Associated Documents](#) 

Manufacturer: Hyundai-Kia America Technical Center Inc

SUMMARY:

Hyundai Motor Company (Hyundai) is recalling certain model year 2012-2013 Azera vehicles manufactured May 22, 2012, through November 23, 2012. The occupant detection system may fail to properly differentiate whether the front passenger seat occupant is an adult, a child or a child restraint seat.

CONSEQUENCE:

If the occupant is incorrectly classified, in the event of a crash necessitating airbag deployment, the airbag may deploy with greater or lesser force than appropriate, resulting in an increased risk of injury.

REMEDY:

Hyundai will notify owners, and dealers will recalibrate the airbag system. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule.