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NHTSA Recalls of Interest June 9, 2014

RECALL Subject : Loss of Electric Power Steering Assist

Report Receipt Date: MAY 29, 2014

NHTSA Campaign Number: 14V284000

Component(s):

Potential Number of Units Affected: 740,878

Vehicle	MakeModel	Model Year(s)
• FORD	ESCAPE	2008-2011
• MERCURY	MARINER	2008-2011

Manufacturer: Ford Motor Company

SUMMARY:

Ford Motor Company (Ford) is recalling certain model year 2008-2011 Ford Escape and Mercury Mariner vehicles manufactured August 18, 2006, through September 11, 2010. The affected vehicles have a steering torque sensor that may not be able to properly detect driver steering input. As a result, the system could remove the Electric Power Steering (EPS) assist.

CONSEQUENCE:

If power steering assist is lost, greater driver effort would be required to steer the vehicle at low speeds, increasing the risk of a crash.

REMEDY:

Ford will notify owners, and dealers will update the software for the power steering control module (PSCM) and the instrument cluster module, free of charge. If a vehicle shows a history of a loss of the torque sensor signal or fault codes relating to the PSCM when the vehicle is brought in for the recall remedy, the affected components will be replaced, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin by July 25, 2014.

RECALL Subject : Improper Seat Belt Restraint Software/FMVSS 208

Report Receipt Date: MAY 22, 2014

NHTSA Campaign Number: 14V272000

Component(s):

Potential Number of Units Affected: 50,000

Vehicle	MakeModel	Model Year(s)
• TOYOTA	HIGHLANDER	2014
• TOYOTA	HIGHLANDER HYBRID	2014

Manufacturer: Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing

SUMMARY:

Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing (Toyota) is recalling certain model year 2014 Highlander and Highlander Hybrid vehicles. The affected vehicles may have improper software installed in the air bag electronic control unit (ECU) for the operation of the front passenger seat belt force limiter, and as a result, the force limiter may use the restraint setting designed for small occupants, such as those that weigh approximately 110 pounds, for all occupants regardless of their size. As such, some of these vehicles do not conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 208, "Occupant Crash Protection."

CONSEQUENCE:

In the event of a crash, a larger front passenger seat occupant may not be properly restrained and be at an increased risk of injury.

REMEDY:

Toyota will notify owners, and dealers will install a software update in the air bag electronic control unit, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in mid-June 2014

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NHTSA Campaign Number: 14V286000

Component(s):

Potential Number of Units Affected: 179,027

Vehicle	MakeModel	Model Year(s)
• FORD	EXPLORER	2011-2013

Manufacturer: Ford Motor Company

SUMMARY:

Ford Motor Company (Ford) is recalling certain model year 2011-2013 Ford Explorer vehicles manufactured May 17, 2010, through February 28, 2012. The affected vehicles may experience an intermittent connection in the electric power steering gear, which can cause a loss of the motor position sensor signal resulting in a shut down of the power steering assist.

CONSEQUENCE:

If the vehicle experiences a loss of power steering assist it will require extra steering effort at lower speeds, increasing the risk of a vehicle crash.

REMEDY:

Ford will notify owners, and dealers will update the Power Steering Control Module (PSCM) software, free of charge. If a vehicle shows a history of a loss of motor position sensor signal when the vehicle is brought in for the recall remedy, its steering rack assembly will be replaced, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin by July 25, 2014.

RECALL Subject : Cruise Control Unintended Continued Acceleration

Report Receipt Date: JUN 04, 2014

NHTSA Campaign Number: 14V293000

Component(s): VEHICLE SPEED CONTROL

Potential Number of Units Affected: 6,120

Vehicle	MakeModel	Model Year(s)
• DODGE	DURANGO	2014
• JEEP	CHEROKEE	2014
• JEEP	GRAND CHEROKEE	2014

Manufacturer: Chrysler Group LLC

SUMMARY:

Chrysler Group LLC (Chrysler) is recalling certain model year 2014 Dodge Durango vehicles manufactured January 16, 2014 to April 8, 2014, Jeep Grand Cherokee vehicles manufactured January 16, 2014 to April 8, 2014, Jeep Grand Cherokee SRT vehicles manufactured February 3, 2014 to April 8, 2014, and Jeep Cherokee vehicles manufactured March 6, 2014 to April 17, 2014. When the adaptive cruise control is engaged and the driver presses the accelerator pedal to increase the vehicle's speed more than the cruise control system would on its own, the vehicle may continue to accelerate briefly after the accelerator pedal is released.

CONSEQUENCE:

The unintended continued acceleration may increase the risk of a crash.

REMEDY:

Chrysler will notify owners, and dealers will re-flash the Driver Assistance System Module (DASM), free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in June 2014.

RECALL Subject : Seat Belt may be Difficult to Unlatch/FMVSS 209

Report Receipt Date: MAY 02, 2014

NHTSA Campaign Number: 14V230000

Component(s):

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1

Vehicle	MakeModel	Model Year(s)
• FERRARA	INTRUDER EMBER CAB/CHASSI	2013

Manufacturer: HME, Inc.

SUMMARY:

HME, Inc. is recalling one model year 2013 Ferrara Intruder Ember Cab and Chassis emergency vehicle equipped with IMMI-brand L9 seat belt buckles. When the button is pressed to release the seat belt, the latch plate can become partially engaged with the buckle, making the seat belt difficult to unlatch. As such, this vehicle fails to conform to the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 209, "Seat Belt Assemblies."

CONSEQUENCE:

If the latch plate remains partially engaged after the button is pressed, egress from the vehicle could be hindered which would increase the risk of injury in the event of an emergency.

REMEDY:

HME will notify the owner, and a dealer will inspect the vehicle and replace the seat belt buckles, as necessary, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in June 2014

RECALL Subject : Electric Door Actuator May Lead to Fire

Report Receipt Date: MAY 02, 2014
NHTSA Campaign Number: 14V231000
Component(s):
Potential Number of Units Affected: 30

Vehicle	MakeModel	Model Year(s)
• FEDERAL COACH	PREMIER	2010
• FEDERAL COACH	SPIRIT	2010

Manufacturer: Federal Coach, LLC

SUMMARY:

Federal Coach, Inc. (Federal) is recalling certain model year 2010 Spirit and Premier transit buses, equipped with A&M Systems-brand door actuators. Voltage spikes may damage electrical components and electrical circuits, causing the actuator's circuit board to develop high resistance.

CONSEQUENCE:

High resistance may cause the board to overheat, increasing the risk of a fire.

REMEDY:

Federal will notify owners and dealers will replace the circuit board, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in June 2014.

