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NHTSA Recalls of Interest March 14, 2016

RECALL Subject : Powertrain Control Module Missing Backup Software

Report Receipt Date: FEB 26, 2016

NHTSA Campaign Number: 16V113000

Component(s): ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1,232

Vehicle Make	Model	Model Year(s)
• DODGE	DART	2015-2016

Manufacturer: Chrysler (FCA US LLC)

SUMMARY:

Chrysler (FCA US LLC) is recalling certain model year 2016 Dodge Dart vehicles manufactured July 25, 2015, to December 16, 2015 and equipped with a 2.0L engine and a manual transmission. Additionally included are certain 2015 Dodge Dart vehicles similarly equipped and brought in for dealer service between September 15, 2015 and January 12, 2016. In the affected vehicles, the powertrain control module that monitors the engine torque output may be missing a backup layer of software.

CONSEQUENCE:

Without a backup layer of software, the control module may fail to prevent an un-commanded torque event, increasing the risk of a crash.

REMEDY:

Chrysler will notify owners, and dealers will update the Engine Control Module software, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule.

RECALL Subject : Air Bag may Deploy Improperly

Report Receipt Date: FEB 26, 2016
NHTSA Campaign Number: 16V114000
Component(s): AIR BAGS , SEATS
Potential Number of Units Affected: 78

Vehicle Make	Model	Model Year(s)
• CHRYSLER	200	2015

Manufacturer: Chrysler (FCA US LLC)

SUMMARY:

Chrysler (FCA US LLC) is recalling certain model year 2015 Chrysler 200 vehicles manufactured April 7, 2014, to August 3, 2015. During service work, the affected vehicles may have had either the Occupant Classification Module (OCM) or the Seat Cushion Foam (SCF) of the front passenger seat replaced instead of the both pieces together, which make up a complete calibrated set.

CONSEQUENCE:

If both pieces were not replaced together, the occupant detection and classification system may not be properly calibrated and the passenger air bag may improperly deploy in the event of a crash, increasing the risk of injury.

REMEDY:

Chrysler will notify owners, and dealers will install a new OCM-SCF seat service kit, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule.

RECALL Subject : Brake Relay may Freeze in Cold Temperatures

Report Receipt Date: FEB 29, 2016
NHTSA Campaign Number: 16V119000
Component(s): SERVICE BRAKES
Potential Number of Units Affected: 46,859

Vehicle Make	Model	Model Year(s)
• NISSAN	LEAF	2013-2015

Manufacturer: Nissan North America, Inc.

SUMMARY:

Nissan North America, Inc. (Nissan) is recalling certain model year 2013-2015 LEAF vehicles manufactured November 19, 2012, to July 31, 2015. During very cold temperatures, the relay inside the electronic brake booster may freeze, requiring the driver to exert more effort to slow the vehicle down.

CONSEQUENCE:

If the brake relay fails, longer distances or additional brake effort would be required to stop the vehicle, increasing the risk of a crash.

REMEDY:

Nissan will notify owners, and dealers will reprogram the Intelligent Brake Control Unit software, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule.

RECALL Subject : Floor Mat Interference with Accelerator Pedal

Report Receipt Date: MAR 01, 2016

NHTSA Campaign Number: 16V122000

Component(s): VEHICLE SPEED CONTROL

Potential Number of Units Affected: 28,235

Vehicle Make	Model	Model Year(s)
• MASERATI	GHIBLI	2014-2016
• MASERATI	QUATTROPORTE	2014-2016

Manufacturer: Maserati North America, Inc.

SUMMARY:

Maserati North America, Inc. (Maserati) is recalling certain model year 2014-2016 Quattroporte and Ghibli vehicles manufactured February 1, 2013, to November 30, 2015. In the affected vehicles, the driver-side floor mat anchor may break allowing the floor mat to move and get trapped between the accelerator pedal and the vehicle carpet.

CONSEQUENCE:

If the floor mat moves and becomes trapped between the accelerator and the vehicle carpet, it may result in very high vehicle speeds, which could cause a crash, serious injury or death.

REMEDY:

Maserati will notify owners, and dealers will replace the driver-side floor mat and possibly the accelerator pedal cover, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin April 29, 2016. Owners may contact Maserati customer service at 1-201-816-2600. Maserati's number for this recall is 301. Note: These vehicles are equipped with a brake override system. In the event a pedal is trapped, pushing on the brake pedal will brake the vehicle and enable the driver to slow and stop and turn off the vehicle.