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NHTSA Recalls of Interest March 19, 2012

Report Date :**March 19, 2012 at 10:55 AM**
NHTSA CAMPAIGN ID Number:**12V099000**

Vehicle Make / Model:

SUBARU / FORESTER

Manufacturer: SUBARU OF AMERICA, INC.

NHTSA CAMPAIGN ID Number: 12V099000

Model Year(s):

2009-2012

Mfr's Report Date: MAR 12, 2012

NHTSA Action Number: N/A

Component: SEAT BELTS:REAR

Potential Number of Units Affected: 275,000

Summary:

SUBARU IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2009-2012 FORESTER VEHICLES MANUFACTURED FROM NOVEMBER 26, 2007, THROUGH MARCH 13, 2012. THE AUTOMATIC LOCKING RETRACTOR in the SEAT BELT ASSEMBLIES LOCATED IN THE REAR CENTER SEATING OF THE AFFECTED VEHICLES DO NOT MEET LOCKABILITY REQUIREMENTS AND FAIL TO COMPLY WITH FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 208, "OCCUPANT CRASH PROTECTION." SPECIFICALLY, THE ASSEMBLIES MAY NOT PERMIT PROPER INSTALLATION AND SECURE ATTACHMENT OF A CHILD RESTRAINT IN THAT SEATING POSITION.

Consequence:

AN INSECURE INSTALLATION OF A CHILD RESTRAINT CAN INCREASE THE RISK OF INJURY TO A CHILD DURING A CRASH.

Remedy:

SUBARU WILL NOTIFY OWNERS, AND DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE REAR CENTER SEAT BELT ASSEMBLY WITH A NEWLY MODIFIED AUTOMATIC LOCKING RETRACTOR, FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR BEFORE APRIL 13, 2012. OWNERS MAY CONTACT SUBARU AT 1-800-782-2783.

Report Date :**March 19, 2012 at 10:56 AM**
NHTSA CAMPAIGN ID Number:**12V098000**

Vehicle Make / Model:

HYUNDAI / SONATA

Manufacturer: HYUNDAI-KIA AMERICA TECHNICAL CENTER INC

NHTSA CAMPAIGN ID Number: 12V098000

Model Year(s):

2011-2012

Mfr's Report Date: MAR 08, 2012

NHTSA Action Number: N/A

Component: SEAT BELTS:REAR

Potential Number of Units Affected: 14,728

Summary:

CERTAIN MODEL YEAR HYUNDAI SONATA HYBRID VEHICLES PRODUCED BEGINNING ON DECEMBER 2, 2010, AND SHIPPED TO DEALERS THROUGH MARCH 7, 2012, THAT ARE EQUIPPED WITH A CENTER REAR SEAT BELT INCORPORATING A RELEASE MECHANISM THAT DETACHES BOTH THE LAP AND SHOULDER PORTION AT THE LOWER ANCHORAGE POINT, FAIL TO CONFORM TO FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 208, "OCCUPANT CRASH PROTECTION."

Consequence:

SEE NOTES.

Remedy:

Hyundai dealers are replacing the center rear seat belts in Sonata hybrid vehicles currently in dealer inventory with center rear seat belts that are not detachable from the lower anchorage point prior to delivery to customers.

Notes:

HYUNDAI DEALERS ARE REPLACING THE CENTER REAR SEAT BELTS IN APPROXIMATELY 1,633 SONATA HYBRID VEHICLES CURRENTLY IN DEALER INVENTORY WITH CENTER REAR SEAT BELTS THAT ARE NOT DETACHABLE FROM THE LOWER ANCHORAGE POINT PRIOR TO DELIVERY TO CUSTOMERS. FOR THE APPROXIMATELY 13,095 VEHICLES THAT HAVE BEEN DELIVERED TO CUSTOMERS, HYUNDAI MOTOR COMPANY INTENDS TO FILE A PETITION FOR AN EXEMPTION FROM THE RECALL REQUIREMENTS OF THE NATIONAL TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY ACT ON THE BASIS THAT THE NONCOMPLIANCE DESCRIBED IS INCONSEQUENTIAL AS IT RELATES TO MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY. THEREFORE, THE MANUFACTURER IS NOT OBLIGATED TO CONDUCT AN OWNER NOTIFICATION AND REMEDY CAMPAIGN UNTIL NHTSA HAS RESOLVED THIS PETITION. IF THE PETITION IS DENIED, THE MANUFACTURER WILL BE NOTIFIED AND MUST THEN UNDERTAKE ITS NOTIFICATION AND REMEDY CAMPAIGN OBLIGATIONS.

Report Date :**March 19, 2012 at 10:58 AM**
NHTSA CAMPAIGN ID Number:**12V090000**

Vehicle Make / Model:

TRANS TECH / SST

Manufacturer: TRANS TECH BUS

NHTSA CAMPAIGN ID Number: 12V090000

Model Year(s):

2011-2012

Mfr's Report Date: MAR 05, 2012

NHTSA Action Number: N/A

Component: SEAT BELTS:FRONT:ANCHORAGE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 11

Summary:

TRANSPORTATION COLLABORATIVE, INC. (TCI) IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2011 AND 2012 TRANS TECH MODEL SST SCHOOL BUSES MANUFACTURED OF FORD E350 AND E450 ECONOLINE CHASSIS. THE FIBERGLASS INSTALLED FAILED TO MEET DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS, CAUSING THE INSUFFICIENT TORQUE VALVES AT THE UPPER TORSO MOUNTING POINT. AS SUCH, THESE VEHICLES FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 210, "SEAT BELT ASSEMBLY ANCHORAGES."

Consequence:

IN THE EVENT OF A CRASH, THE SHOULDER RESTRAINT COULD DETACH FROM THE B-PILLAR ANCHORAGE, INCREASING THE RISK OF PERSONAL INJURY TO THE OCCUPANT.

Remedy:

TCI WILL NOTIFY OWNERS, AND PROVIDE INSTRUCTIONS AND REPAIR KITS OR THE BUS MAY BE TAKEN TO AN AUTHORIZED REPAIR FACILITY, AT NO COST TO THE OWNER.

Report Date :**March 19, 2012 at 10:59 AM**
NHTSA Campaign ID number :**12V100000**

New Search

Vehicle Make / Model:

TRANS TECH / HORIZON

Manufacturer: TRANS TECH BUS

NHTSA CAMPAIGN ID Number: 12V100000

Model Year(s):

2011

Mfr's Report Date: MAR 13, 2012

NHTSA Action Number: N/A

Component: SEAT BELTS:FRONT:ANCHORAGE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 2

Summary:

TRANSPORTATION COLLABORATIVE INC. (TCI) IS RECALLING TWO MODEL YEAR 2011 HORIZON TRANSIT BUSES MANUFACTURED OF FORD E350 AND E450 ECONOLINE CHASSIS. THE FIBERGLASS INSTALLED FAILED TO MEET DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS, CAUSING THE INSUFFICIENT TORQUE VALVES AT THE UPPER TORSO MOUNTING POINT. AS SUCH, THESE VEHICLES FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 210, "SEAT BELT ASSEMBLY ANCHORAGES."

Consequence:

IN THE EVENT OF A CRASH, THE SHOULDER RESTRAINT COULD DETACH FROM THE B-PILLAR ANCHORAGE, INCREASING THE RISK OF PERSONAL INJURY TO THE OCCUPANT.

Remedy:

TCI WILL NOTIFY OWNERS, AND PROVIDE INSTRUCTIONS AND REPAIR KITS OR THE BUS MAY BE TAKEN TO AN AUTHORIZED REPAIR FACILITY, AT NO COST TO THE OWNER. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING MARCH 2012. OWNERS MAY CONTACT TCI AT 1-845-988-0419.



Report Date :**March 19, 2012 at 10:57 AM**
NHTSA CAMPAIGN ID Number:**12V097000**

Vehicle Make / Model:

FORD / F-650

FORD / F-750

Manufacturer: FORD MOTOR COMPANY

NHTSA CAMPAIGN ID Number: 12V097000

Model Year(s):

2011

2011

Mfr's Report Date: MAR 05, 2012

NHTSA Action Number: N/A

Component: SERVICE BRAKES, AIR:SUPPLY:CHECK VALVE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 352

Summary:

FORD IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2011 F-650 AND F-750 TRUCKS, MANUFACTURED FROM DECEMBER 3, 2010, THROUGH DECEMBER 20, 2011, EQUIPPED WITH BENDIX ATR-6 ANTILOCK TRACTION RELAY VALVES. IN EXTREMELY COLD CONDITIONS, THE BENDIX RELAY VALVES MAY POTENTIALLY DEVELOP INTERNAL LEAKAGE. INTERNAL LEAKAGE CAN LEAD TO AIR PRESSURE BEING DELIVERED TO AFFECTED PRIMARY OR SECONDARY BRAKE CAUSING CONTINUOUS BRAKE APPLICATION.

Consequence:

UNEXPECTED CONTINUOUS BRAKE APPLICATION CAN CAUSE THE BRAKES TO

OVERHEAT AND LEAD TO A FIRE. UNEXPECTED CONTINUOUS BRAKE APPLICATION CAN CAUSE THE DRIVER TO LOSE CONTROL OF THE VEHICLE, INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH. ALSO, THE BRAKES MAY BE APPLIED WITHOUT ILLUMINATING THE BRAKE LIGHTS, FAILING TO GIVE PROPER WARNING TO OTHER DRIVERS.

Remedy:

FORD WILL NOTIFY OWNERS, AND DEALERS WILL INSTALL A BENDIX ATR-6 TRACTION RELAY VALVE KIT. THIS SERVICE WILL BE PERFORMED FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL WILL BEGIN ON APRIL 23, 2012. OWNERS MAY CONTACT FORD MOTOR COMPANY AT 1-800-392-3673.