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## NHTSA Recalls of Interest

March 31, 2014

**RECALL Subject : Air Bag Control Module Shorting**

**Report Receipt Date:** MAR 27, 2014  
**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 14V147000  
**Component(s):**  
**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 119,140

Vehicle	MakeModel	Model Year(s)
• TOYOTA	AVALON	2003-2004

**Manufacturer:** Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing

**SUMMARY:**

Toyota is recalling certain model year 2003-2004 Avalon vehicles manufactured June 5, 2002, through December 20, 2004. In these vehicles, the supplemental restraint system (SRS) circuits are susceptible to internal shorting. The electrical short may create an abnormal current flow and increased heat which can damage the circuits. This could result in an inadvertent deployment of the front air bags and/or seat belt pretensioners.

**CONSEQUENCE:**

Inadvertent deployment of the air bags or the seat belt pretensioners increases the risk of an injury or crash.

**REMEDY:**

Toyota will notify owners and dealers will install a noise filter between the air bag control module and the wire harness, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule

**RECALL Subject : Electronic Stability Control Systems/FMVSS 126**

**Report Receipt Date:** MAR 27, 2014  
**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 14V144000  
**Component(s):** ELECTRONIC STABILITY CONTROL  
**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 656

Vehicle	MakeModel	Model Year(s)
• CADILLAC	ELR	2014

**Manufacturer:** General Motors LLC

**SUMMARY:**

General Motors LLC (GM) is recalling certain model year 2014 Cadillac ELR vehicles not equipped with adaptive cruise control and manufactured September 26, 2013, through February 14, 2014, and equipped without adaptive cruise control. In these vehicles, the electronic stability control (ESC) system software may inhibit certain ESC diagnostics, preventing the system from alerting the driver that the ESC system is partially or fully disabled. As such, these vehicles fail to conform with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 126, "Electronic Stability Control Systems."

**CONSEQUENCE:**

If the driver is not alerted to an ESC malfunction they may continue driving with a disabled ESC system which may result in loss of directional control, increasing the risk of a crash.

**REMEDY:**

GM will notify owners, and dealers will recalibrate the Electronic Brake Control Module (EBCM), free of charge. The recall is expected to begin on April 17, 2014.

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**RECALL Subject : Air Bag may not Detect Passenger in Seat**

**Report Receipt Date:** MAR 25, 2014  
**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 14V138000  
**Component(s):** AIR BAGS , ELECTRICAL SYSTEM  
**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 989,701

Vehicle	MakeModel	Model Year(s)
• INFINITI	JX35	2013
• INFINITI	Q50	2014
• INFINITI	QX60	2014
• NISSAN	ALTIMA	2013-2014
• NISSANLEAF2013-2014		
• NISSANNV2002013		
• NISSANPATHFINDER2013-2014		
• NISSANSENTRA2013-2014		

**Manufacturer:** Nissan North America, Inc.

**SUMMARY:**

Nissan North America, Inc. (Nissan) is recalling certain model year 2013-2014 Altima, LEAF, Pathfinder, and Sentra, model year 2013 NV200 (aka Taxi) and Infiniti JX35 and model year 2014 Infiniti Q50 and QX60 vehicles. In the affected vehicles, the occupant classification system (OCS) software may incorrectly classify the passenger seat as empty, when it is occupied by an adult.

**CONSEQUENCE:**

If the OCS does not detect an adult occupant in the passenger seat, the passenger airbag would be deactivated. Failure of the passenger airbag to deploy during a crash (where deployment is warranted) could increase the risk of injury to the passenger.

**REMEDY:**

Nissan will notify owners, and dealers will update the OCS software, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in mid-April 2014

**RECALL Subject : Loss Of Low Beam Headlights**

**Report Receipt Date:** MAR 04, 2014  
**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 14V101000  
**Component(s):**  
**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 43,452

Vehicle	MakeModel	Model Year(s)
• DODGE	CHARGER	2011-2012

**Manufacturer:** Chrysler Group LLC

**SUMMARY:**

Chrysler Group LLC (Chrysler) is recalling certain model year 2011-2012 Dodge Charger vehicles manufactured May 20, 2010, through November 8, 2011, and equipped with halogen headlamps. In the affected vehicles, a sub-harness for the headlights may overheat and cause the low beam headlights to go out.

**CONSEQUENCE:**

Loss of headlights reduces the driver's visibility, increasing the risk of a crash.

**REMEDY:**

Chrysler will notify owners, and dealers will replace the headlamp jumper harnesses and bulbs, or the headlamp assemblies, as necessary, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in April 2014. Owners may contact Chrysler at 1-800-853-1403. Chrysler's number associated with this recall is P08. This recall concerns non-police vehicles. A separate campaign was launched in 2012 to address police vehicles.

**RECALL Subject : Ignition Switch may Turn Off**

**Report Receipt Date:** FEB 10, 2014  
**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 14V047000  
**Component(s):** AIR BAGS , ELECTRICAL SYSTEM  
**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 2,190,934

**Vehicle MakeModelModel Year(s)**

- CHEVROLET COBALT 2005-2010
- CHEVROLET HHR 2006-2011
- PONTIAC G5 2007-2010
- PONTIAC SOLSTICE 2006-2010
- SATURN ION 2003-2007
- SATURN SKY 2007-2010

**Manufacturer:** General Motors LLC

**SUMMARY:**

This defect can affect the safe operation of the airbag system. Until this recall is performed, customers should remove all items from their key rings, leaving only the ignition key. The key fob (if applicable), should also be removed from the key ring. General Motors LLC (GM) notified the agency on February 10, 2014 that they are recalling 619,122 model year 2005-2007 Chevrolet Cobalt, and 2007 Pontiac G5 vehicles. On February 25, 2014, GM increased the recall to include an additional 748,024 model year 2006-2007 Chevrolet HHR and Pontiac Solstice vehicles and 2003-2007 Saturn Ion vehicles and 2007 Saturn Sky vehicles. In these models, the weight on the key ring and/or road conditions or some other jarring event may cause the ignition switch to move out of the run position, turning off the engine. On March 27, 2014, GM notified the agency that the defective ignition switches may have been used as service replacement parts on other vehicles, and as a result GM will be recalling certain model year 2008-2010 Chevrolet Cobalt, Saturn Sky, and Pontiac G5 and Solstice, and 2008-2011 Chevrolet HHR vehicles. The part numbers for the service parts are 10392423 (a/k/a ACDelco D1461F), 10392737, 15857948, 15854953, 15896640, and 25846762. This expansion represents an additional 823,788 vehicles.

**CONSEQUENCE:**

If the key is not in the run position, the air bags may not deploy if the vehicle is involved in a crash, increasing the risk of injury.

**REMEDY:**

GM will notify owners, and dealers will replace the ignition switch, free of charge. An interim notification was issued to owners of 2007 and earlier models on March 10, 2014, informing them of the safety defect. Owners of 2008 and later vehicles will be mailed an interim letter on April 21, 2014. All affected owners will receive another letter once parts are available. Owners may contact Chevrolet at 1-800-222-1020, Pontiac at 1-800-762-2737 or Saturn at 1-800-553-6000. GM's number for the initial recall is 13454 and 14063 for the expansion. GM's recall number for the vehicles that may have received the replacement parts is 14092. Note: Until the recall repairs have been performed, it is very important that customers remove all items from their key rings, leaving only the vehicle key. The key fob (if applicable), should also be removed from the key ring. Always wear your seatbelt.