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## NHTSA Recalls of Interest March 7, 2016

### **RECALL Subject : Restraint System May Misclassify Front Passenger**

**Report Receipt Date:** FEB 25, 2016

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 16V110000

**Component(s):** AIR BAGS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 2,894

Vehicle Make	Model	Model Year(s)
• FORD	F-150	2016

**Manufacturer:** Ford Motor Company

#### **SUMMARY:**

Ford Motor Company (Ford) is recalling certain model year 2016 F-150 trucks manufactured April 27, 2015, to November 22, 2015, and equipped with Multi-Contour Seats (MCS). The Delphi front passenger seat Occupant Classification System (OCS) that calibrates the air bag deployment level may incorrectly classify an adult as a child when the seat massage feature is activated.

#### **CONSEQUENCE:**

If an adult is incorrectly classified as a child, the passenger frontal air bag will not deploy during a crash, increasing the risk of injury.

**REMEDY:**

Ford will notify owners, and dealers will update the Occupant Classification System Module (OCSM) with new software, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin March 7, 2016.

**RECALL Subject : Rear Seat Belt Buckle may not Latch**

**Report Receipt Date:** FEB 25, 2016

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 16V111000

**Component(s):** SEAT BELTS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 48,990

Vehicle Make	Model	Model Year(s)
• FORD	TRANSIT	2015-2016

**Manufacturer:** Ford Motor Company

**SUMMARY:**

Ford Motor Company (Ford) is recalling certain model year 2015-2016 Transit vehicles manufactured February 13, 2014, to January 13, 2016 and equipped with rear passenger seats. The Autoliv rear seat belt buckles may be damaged if a heavy object is placed on, or impacts, the top of the buckle. The damage may prevent the buckle from latching or from remaining latched.

**CONSEQUENCE:**

An unlatched seat belt increases the risk of injury to the occupant in the event of a crash.

**REMEDY:**

Ford will notify owners, and dealers will modify or replace the seat belt buckles, depending on their location in the vehicle, free of charge. Remedy parts are currently unavailable. Owners will be notified of the recall March 14, 2016. Owners will receive a second notice when remedy parts become available.

**RECALL Subject : Passenger Side Front Air Bag Inflator may Rupture , 1 INVESTIGATION(S)**

**Report Receipt Date:** MAR 03, 2016

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 16V127000

**Component(s):** AIR BAGS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 132,086

Vehicle Make	Model	Model Year(s)
• LEXUS	SC	2008-2010
• PONTIAC	VIBE	2008
• TOYOTA	COROLLA	2008
• TOYOTA	COROLLA MATRIX	2008

**Manufacturer:** Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing

**SUMMARY:**

Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing (Toyota) is recalling certain model year 2008-2010 Lexus SC vehicles manufactured August 3, 2007, to July 30, 2010, 2008 Toyota Corolla vehicles manufactured May 25, 2007, to December 21, 2007, 2008 Toyota Corolla Matrix vehicles manufactured June 1, 2007, to December 18, 2007, and 2008 Pontiac Vibe vehicles manufactured May 25, 2007, to December 21, 2007. This is to address a safety defect in the passenger side frontal air bag inflator which may produce excessive internal pressure causing the inflator to rupture upon deployment of the air bag. This recall addresses both the passenger side frontal air bags that were originally installed in the vehicles, as well as replacement air bags that may have been installed as replacement service parts. A replacement air bag may have been installed, as one example, if a vehicle had been in a crash necessitating the replacement of the passenger side frontal air bag.

**CONSEQUENCE:**

In the event of a crash necessitating deployment of the passenger's frontal air bag, the inflator could rupture with metal fragments striking the vehicle occupants potentially resulting in serious injury or death.

**REMEDY:**

Toyota and Lexus vehicle owners will be notified by Toyota beginning March 15, 2016. A date has not yet been provided for Pontiac Vibe owners to be notified by GM. The respective dealers will either replace the front passenger air bag inflator or the entire front passenger air bag assembly depending on the model. Owners may contact Toyota customer service at 1-800-331-4331, or Pontiac customer service at 1-800-762-2737. This recall expands recall 15V-285.

**RECALL Subject : Passenger Side Front Air Bag Inflator may Rupture , 1 INVESTIGATION(S)**

**Report Receipt Date:** MAR 03, 2016

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 16V128000

**Component(s):** AIR BAGS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 65,836

Vehicle Make	Model	Model Year(s)
• LEXUS	SC	2008-2010
• PONTIAC	VIBE	2008
• TOYOTA	COROLLA	2008
• TOYOTA	COROLLA MATRIX	2008

**Manufacturer:** Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing

**SUMMARY:**

Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing (Toyota) is recalling certain model year 2008-2010 Lexus SC vehicles manufactured August 3, 2007, to July 30, 2010, 2008 Toyota Corolla vehicles manufactured June 1, 2007, to December 21, 2007, 2008 Toyota Corolla Matrix vehicles manufactured June 1, 2007, to December 18, 2007, and 2008 Pontiac Vibe vehicles manufactured May 25, 2007, to December 21, 2007 that were originally sold, or ever registered, in Florida, Puerto Rico, Hawaii, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, Saipan, American Samoa, Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas. The affected vehicles have a passenger side frontal air bag that may be susceptible to moisture intrusion which, over time, could cause the inflator to rupture upon its deployment.

**CONSEQUENCE:**

In the event of a crash necessitating deployment of the passenger's frontal air bag, the inflator could rupture with metal fragments striking the vehicle occupants potentially resulting in serious injury or death.

**REMEDY:**

Toyota and Lexus vehicle owners will be notified by Toyota beginning March 15, 2016. A date has not yet been provided for Pontiac Vibe owners to be notified by GM. The respective dealers will either replace the front passenger air bag inflator or the entire front passenger air bag assembly depending on the model. Owners may contact Toyota customer service at 1-800-331-4331, or Pontiac customer service at 1-800-762-2737. This recall expands recall 15V-286.

**RECALL Subject : Ball Joints may Fail due to Corrosion**

**Report Receipt Date:** FEB 19, 2016

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 16V095000

**Component(s):** SUSPENSION

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 2,053

Vehicle Make	Model	Model Year(s)
• VOLVO	VNL	2016
• VOLVO	VNM	2016
• VOLVO	VT	2009-2010

**Manufacturer:** Volvo Trucks North America

**SUMMARY:**

Volvo Trucks North America (Volvo) is recalling certain model year 2009-2010 VT trucks manufactured from April 9, 2008, through September 24, 2009, and certain 2016 model VNL and VNM trucks manufactured from January 2, 2015, through to November 6, 2015. The affected vehicles are equipped with USK non-greasable drag links that may experience corrosion of the ball joints due to the seals being compromised, possibly resulting in accelerated wear and failure of the ball joint.

**CONSEQUENCE:**

Failure of the ball joint may cause separation of the socket and a complete loss of steering, increasing the risk of a crash.

**REMEDY:**

Volvo will notify owners, and dealers will replace the drag links, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin April 15, 2016. Owners may contact Volvo customer service at 1-800-528-6586. Volvo's number for this recall is RVXX1601. Note: This recall is an expansion of a previous recall 15V-651.

**RECALL Subject : Hood may Open Unexpectedly While Braking**

**Report Receipt Date:** FEB 18, 2016  
**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 16V091000  
**Component(s):** STRUCTURE  
**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 8,574

Vehicle Make	Model	Model Year(s)
• IC BUS	CE	2016-2017

**Manufacturer:** Navistar, Inc.

**SUMMARY:**

Navistar, Inc. is recalling certain model year 2016-2017 IC CE school buses manufactured from March 2, 2015, through January 13, 2016. In the affected vehicles, the Nu-Tide hood straps used to latch the hood closed may become elongated and not return to their original length. As a result, the hood may open unexpectedly when the bus is braking.

**CONSEQUENCE:**

If the hood opens while braking, the driver's vision may be obstructed, increasing the risk of a crash.

**REMEDY:**

Navistar will notify owners, and dealers will replace the hood straps, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin on April 17, 2016.

**RECALL Subject : Hood may Open Unexpectedly While Braking**

**Report Receipt Date:** FEB 17, 2016  
**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 16V090000  
**Component(s):** STRUCTURE  
**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 87

Vehicle Make	Model	Model Year(s)
• IC BUS	CE	2016

**Manufacturer:** Navistar, Inc.

**SUMMARY:**

Navistar, Inc. (Navistar) is recalling certain model year 2016 IC CE commercial buses manufactured from March 4, 2015, through December 14, 2015. In the affected vehicles, the Nu-Tide hood straps used to latch the hood closed may become elongated and not return to their original length. As a result, the hood may open unexpectedly when the bus is braking.

**CONSEQUENCE:**

If the hood opens while braking, the driver's vision may be obstructed, increasing the risk of a crash.

**REMEDY:**

Navistar will notify owners, and dealers will replace the hood straps, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin on April 17, 2016.