



Automotive Safety Council

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NHTSA Recalls of Interest November 10, 2014

RECALL Subject : Passenger Air Bag Inflator may Rupture

Report Receipt Date: NOV 04, 2014

NHTSA Campaign Number: 14V701000

Component(s): AIR BAGS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 52,738

| Vehicle Make | Model | Model Year(s) |
|--------------|------------|---------------|
| • INFINITI | FX35 | 2003-2005 |
| • INFINITI | FX45 | 2003-2005 |
| • INFINITI | I35 | 2003-2004 |
| • INFINITI | M35 | 2006 |
| • INFINITI | M45 | 2006 |
| • NISSAN | PATHFINDER | 2003-2004 |
| • NISSAN | SENTRA | 2004-2006 |

Manufacturer: Nissan North America, Inc.

SUMMARY:

Nissan North America, Inc. (Nissan) is recalling certain model year 2003-2004 Nissan Pathfinder, 2004-2006 Nissan Sentra, 2003-2005 Infiniti FX35 and FX45, 2003-2004 Infiniti I35, and 2006 Infiniti M35 and M45 vehicles originally sold, or currently registered, in geographic locations associated with high absolute humidity. Specifically, vehicles sold, or currently registered, in Puerto Rico, Hawaii, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, Saipan, American Samoa, Florida and adjacent counties in southern Georgia, as well as the coastal areas of Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas. Upon deployment of the passenger side frontal air bag, excessive internal pressure may cause the inflator to rupture.

CONSEQUENCE:

In the event of a crash necessitating deployment of the passenger side frontal air bag, the inflator could rupture with metal fragments striking and potentially seriously injuring the vehicle occupants.

REMEDY:

Nissan will notify owners, and dealers will replace the passenger air bag inflator, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact Nissan customer service at 1-800-647-7261.

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NHTSA Campaign Number: 14V700000
Component(s): AIR BAGS
Potential Number of Units Affected: 0

| Vehicle Make | Model | Model Year(s) |
|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| • ACURA | MDX | 2003-2005 |
| • ACURA | RL | 2005 |
| • HONDA | ACCORD | 2003-2005 |
| • HONDA | CIVIC | 2001-2005 |
| • HONDA | CIVIC HYBRID | 2003-2005 |
| • HONDA | CR-V | 2002-2005 |
| • HONDA | ELEMENT | 2003-2004 |
| • HONDA | ODYSSEY | 2002-2004 |
| • HONDA | PILOT | 2003-2005 |
| • HONDA | RIDGELINE | 2006 |

Manufacturer: Honda (American Honda Motor Co.)

SUMMARY:

American Honda Motor Co. (Honda) is recalling certain model year 2001-2005 Honda Civic, 2003-2004 Civic CNG and Element, 2002-2005 CR-V, 2002-2004 Odyssey, 2003-2005 Accord, Pilot, Civic Hybrid, and Acura MDX, 2005 Acura RL and 2006 Honda Ridgeline vehicles originally sold, or ever registered, in geographic locations associated with high absolute humidity. Specifically, vehicles sold, or ever registered, in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, Texas, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Saipan, Guam, and American Samoa are addressed by this recall. Upon deployment of the passenger side frontal air bag, excessive internal pressure may cause the inflator to rupture.

CONSEQUENCE:

In the event of a crash necessitating deployment of the passenger side frontal air bag, the inflator could rupture with metal fragments striking and potentially seriously injuring the vehicle occupants.

REMEDY:

Honda will notify owners, and dealers will replace the passenger side air bag inflator, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin on November 24, 2014. Owners may contact Honda customer service at 1-800-999-1009.

NOTES:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov. Note: This recall supersedes safety recall 14V-353, with the exception of vehicles originally sold, or ever registered, in California. Those vehicles will continue to be addressed, and a free remedy provided, under that safety recall campaign. This recall also includes vehicles in the specific geographic areas listed above that were included within safety recalls 13V-132 and 14V-349.

RECALL Subject : Front Air Bags may not Deploy on Secondary Impact

Report Receipt Date: OCT 24, 2014
NHTSA Campaign Number: 14V667000
Component(s):
Potential Number of Units Affected: 101,938

| Vehicle Make | Model | Model Year(s) |
|--------------|---------|---------------|
| • AUDI | A4 | 2013-2015 |
| • AUDI | ALLROAD | 2013-2015 |
| • AUDI | S4 | 2013-2015 |

Manufacturer: Volkswagen Group of America, Inc.

SUMMARY:

Volkswagen Group of America, Inc. (Volkswagen) is recalling certain model year 2013-2015 Audi A4 and S4 vehicles manufactured February 16, 2012, to October 21, 2014, and 2013-2015 Audi Allroad vehicles manufactured March 12, 2012, to October 21, 2014. Due to an improper algorithm in the air bag control module, if a crash necessitates deployment of the side air bags, a second impact to the front of the vehicle may not command the front air bags to also deploy.

CONSEQUENCE:

If the front air bags do not deploy in the event of a secondary impact to the front of the vehicle, there is an increased risk of occupant injury.

REMEDY:

Volkswagen will notify owners, and Audi dealers will update the air bag control unit software, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin on November 11, 2014. Owners may contact Audi customer service at 1-800-822-2834. Volkswagen's number for this recall is 69K5.

RECALL Subject : Vehicle may Gradually Accelerate Unexpectedly

Report Receipt Date: SEP 22, 2014
NHTSA Campaign Number: 14V583000
Component(s):
Potential Number of Units Affected: 6,562

| Vehicle Make | Model | Model Year(s) |
|--------------|------------|---------------|
| • INFINITI | M35 HYBRID | 2013-2014 |
| • INFINITI | Q50 HYBRID | 2014 |
| • INFINITI | Q70 HYBRID | 2014-2015 |

Manufacturer: Nissan North America, Inc.

SUMMARY:

Nissan North America, Inc. (Nissan) is recalling certain model year 2013-2014 Infiniti M35 hybrid vehicles manufactured April 7, 2012, to September 9, 2013, 2014 Infiniti Q50 hybrid vehicles manufactured December 10, 2012, to July 15, 2014, and 2014-2015 Infiniti Q70 hybrid vehicles manufactured April 9, 2010, to May 7, 2014. Due to a software error, In the affected vehicles, if the signal is lost from one of the two throttle position sensors (TPS), the engine control module (ECM) will go into a fail-safe mode, partially closing the throttle chamber. Should the lost signal be restored, the throttle chamber may open, regardless of the position signal from the TPS.

CONSEQUENCE:

The vehicle may gradually accelerate due to the throttle chamber reopening. This unexpected acceleration may increase the risk of a crash.

REMEDY:

Nissan will notify owners, and dealers will reprogram the ECM, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin by mid-Novemeber 2014. Owners may contact Nissan customer service at 1-800-647-7261.