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NHTSA Recalls of Interest November 25, 2013

RECALL Subject : Deactivation of Passenger Frontal Air Bags

Report Receipt Date: OCT 17, 2013

NHTSA Campaign Number: 13V502000

Component(s): ELECTRICAL SYSTEM , SEATS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 81

Vehicle	Make/Model	Model Year(s)
• PORSCHE	911 CARRERA	2014
• PORSCHE	BOXSTER	2014
• PORSCHE	CAYMAN	2014

Manufacturer: Porsche Cars North America, Inc.

SUMMARY:

Porsche Cars North America, Inc. (Porsche) is recalling certain model year 2014 Boxster, Boxster S, Cayman, Cayman S and 911 Carrera (S, Cabriolet, S Cabriolet, 4, 4S, 4 Cabriolet, 4s Cabriolet) vehicles manufactured September 2, 2013, through September 23, 2013. In the affected vehicles, the passenger seats may be equipped with defective wiring harnesses resulting in intermittent contact with the harness plug.

CONSEQUENCE:

The intermittent plug may cause the passenger seat frontal and knee airbags may be deactivated. In the event of a crash necessitating airbag deployment, this may increase the risk of injury to the front passenger.

REMEDY:

Porsche will notify owners, and dealers will replace the front passenger seat free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in late November 2013.

RECALL Subject : Power Seat Wiring Harness may Chafe and Short

Report Receipt Date: NOV 13, 2013
NHTSA Campaign Number: 13V566000
Component(s): ELECTRICAL SYSTEM , SEATS
Potential Number of Units Affected: 14,909

Vehicle	Make/Model	Model Year(s)
• CHEVROLET	MALIBU	2013

_Manufacturer: General Motors LLC

SUMMARY:

General Motors LLC (GM) is recalling certain model year 2013 Chevrolet Malibu vehicles manufactured October 25, 2011, through June 29, 2012 and equipped with the 8-way power adjustable front seat feature. The wiring harness for the power seat may contact the seat frame which may chafe the harness.

CONSEQUENCE:

If the harness is chafed enough to expose the wires, a short circuit could occur, resulting unintended movement of the seat, the seat to become inoperative, sparking under the seat, flickering lights, smoke, or possibly a fire.

REMEDY:

GM will notify owners, and dealers will inspect the wire harness and repair and secure it as necessary, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in early December 2013.

RECALL Subject : Windshield Defrost Inoperative/FMVSS 103

Report Receipt Date: NOV 13, 2013
NHTSA Campaign Number: 13V567000
Component(s): VISIBILITY
Potential Number of Units Affected: 42,696

Vehicle	MakeModel	Model Year(s)
• CHEVROLET	MALIBU	2014

_Manufacturer: General Motors LLC

SUMMARY:

General Motors LLC (GM) is recalling certain model year 2014 Chevrolet Malibu vehicles manufactured June 12, 2013, through November 5, 2013. The heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) control in these vehicles may intermittently become inoperable when the vehicle is started, preventing the windshield defroster from working. Thus, these vehicles fail to conform to the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 103, "Windshield Defrosting and Defogging Systems."

CONSEQUENCE:

The inability to turn on the windshield defroster may decrease the driver's visibility thereby increasing the risk of a crash.

REMEDY:

GM will notify owners, and dealers will update the electronic climate control module software, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin December 6, 2013.

RECALL Subject : Sudden Loss of Motive Power , 1 INVESTIGATION(S)

Report Receipt Date: OCT 30, 2013
NHTSA Campaign Number: 13V523000
Component(s): POWER TRAIN
Potential Number of Units Affected: 2,456

Vehicle	MakeModel	Model Year(s)
• FORD	FOCUS ELECTRIC	2012-2014

Manufacturer: Ford Motor Company

SUMMARY:

Ford Motor Company (Ford) is recalling certain model year 2012-2014 Focus Electric vehicles manufactured September 15, 2011, through August 23, 2013. In the affected vehicles, a powertrain control module software problem may result in a stall-like condition.

CONSEQUENCE:

An unexpected loss of power while driving increases the risk of a crash.

REMEDY:

Ford will notify owners, and dealers will reprogram the power control module, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin by late November 2013.

RECALL Subject : Front Lower Control Arm Corrosion

Report Receipt Date: NOV 06, 2013
NHTSA Campaign Number: 13V556000
Component(s): SUSPENSION
Potential Number of Units Affected: 15,500

Vehicle	MakeModel	Model Year(s)
• HYUNDAI	ENTOURAGE	2007-2008

Manufacturer: Hyundai-Kia America Technical Center Inc

SUMMARY:

Hyundai America Technical Center, Inc. (Hyundai) is recalling certain model year 2007-2008 Hyundai Entourage vehicles manufactured from February 16, 2006, through June 30, 2008 and sold in, or currently registered in, Massachusetts, Maryland, Michigan, New Hampshire, New York, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Wisconsin, Connecticut, Delaware, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey, Ohio, Rhode Island, West Virginia and the District of Columbia. In the affected vehicles, the front lower control arms may fracture due to corrosion resulting from exposure to road salt and water.

CONSEQUENCE:

A fractured control arm can result in the loss of control of the vehicle, increasing the risk of a crash.

REMEDY:

Hyundai will notify owners, and dealers will inspect the degree of corrosion of the front lower control arms, and will either rustproof or replace them, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in December 2013.

RECALL Subject : Front Lower Control Arm Corrosion

Report Receipt Date: NOV 05, 2013
NHTSA Campaign Number: 13V550000
Component(s): SUSPENSION
Potential Number of Units Affected: 79,867

Vehicle	MakeModel	Model Year(s)
• KIA	SEDONA	2006-2012

Manufacturer: Kia Motors Corporation

SUMMARY:

Kia Motors Corporation (Kia) is recalling certain model year 2006-2012 Kia Sedona vehicles manufactured from June 15, 2005, through August 14, 2012 originally sold in, or currently registered in Massachusetts, Maryland, Michigan, New Hampshire, New York, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Wisconsin, Connecticut, Delaware, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey, Ohio, Rhode Island, West Virginia or the District of Columbia. In the affected vehicles, the front lower control arms may break due to corrosion resulting from prolonged exposure to salty environments.

CONSEQUENCE:

A broken control arm can result in the loss of control of the vehicle, increasing the risk of a crash.

REMEDY:

Kia will notify owners and dealers will inspect the degree of corrosion of the front lower control arms, and will either rustproof or replace them, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in December 2013.

