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NHTSA Recalls of Interest October 6, 2014

RECALL Subject : Air Bags may not Deploy as Intended

Report Receipt Date: SEP 26, 2014

NHTSA Campaign Number: 14V597000

Component(s):

Potential Number of Units Affected: 746,842

| Vehicle Make | Model | Model Year(s) |
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| • FORD | C-MAX | 2013-2014 |
| • FORD | ESCAPE | 2013-2014 |
| • FORD | FUSION | 2013-2014 |
| • LINCOLN | MKZ | 2013-2014 |

Manufacturer: Ford Motor Company

SUMMARY:

Ford Motor Company (Ford) is recalling certain model year 2013-2014 Ford C-Max vehicles manufactured January 19, 2012, to November 21, 2013; Ford Fusion vehicles manufactured February 3, 2012, to August 24, 2013; Ford Escape vehicles manufactured October 5, 2011, to November 1, 2013; and Lincoln MKZ vehicles manufactured April 25, 2012, to September 30, 2013. The coating on portions of the Restraint Control Module (RCM) may crack, and when exposed to humidity, circuits on the printed circuit board may short.

CONSEQUENCE:

The short circuits could cause the frontal air bags, side curtain air bags and the seat belt pretensioners to not function as intended when needed, increasing the risk of occupant injury in the event of a crash.

REMEDY:

Ford will notify owners, and dealers will replace the RCM, free of charge. Parts are not currently available. Owners will be sent an interim notification in mid-November 2014. A second notification will be sent when the remedy parts are available.

RECALL Subject : Driver's Frontal Air Bag may not Deploy Properly

Report Receipt Date: SEP 09, 2014
NHTSA Campaign Number: 14V543000
Component(s):
Potential Number of Units Affected: 304

| Vehicle Make | Model | Model Year(s) |
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| • CHEVROLET | SONIC | 2014 |

Manufacturer: General Motors LLC

SUMMARY:

General Motors LLC (GM) is recalling certain model year 2014 Chevrolet Sonic vehicles manufactured July 28, 2014, to August 1, 2014. Due to a loss of electrical connection in the steering column, in the event of a severe crash, the driver's frontal air bag deployment may be limited to the first-stage deployment only instead of the intended first-stage and second-stage deployments.

CONSEQUENCE:

If only the first-stage of the driver's frontal air bag deploys without the additional second-stage, the driver has an increased risk of injury during a crash.

REMEDY:

GM will notify owners, and dealers will test the terminals in the IP harness clock spring coil connector and replace any loose terminals, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule

RECALL Subject : Head Restraint Exceeds Measurement/FMVSS 202a

Report Receipt Date: SEP 04, 2014
NHTSA Campaign Number: 14V533000
Component(s):
Potential Number of Units Affected: 24,497

| Vehicle Make | Model | Model Year(s) |
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| • RAM | PROMASTER | 2014 |

Manufacturer: Chrysler Group LLC

SUMMARY:

Chrysler Group LLC (Chrysler) is recalling all model year 2014 Ram ProMaster vans manufactured July 1, 2013, to August 26, 2014. The affected vehicles may have been manufactured with head restraints that exceed the maximum backset measurement limit of 55mm. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 202a, "Head Restraints."

CONSEQUENCE:

If the vehicle is struck from behind, the head restraint may not properly limit the seat occupant's head movement rearward, increasing the risk of injury.

REMEDY:

Chrysler will notify owners, and dealers will replace the head restraints, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule.

RECALL Subject : Incorrect Air Bag Deployment Velocity

Report Receipt Date: SEP 04, 2014
NHTSA Campaign Number: 14V529000
Component(s): AIR BAGS
Potential Number of Units Affected: 1,624

| Vehicle Make | Model | Model Year(s) |
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| • SRT | VIPER | 2013-2014 |

Manufacturer: Chrysler Group LLC

SUMMARY:

Chrysler Group LLC (Chrysler) is recalling certain model year 2013-2014 SRT Viper vehicles manufactured November 28, 2012, to June 26, 2014. Due to inaccurate seat position sensors, the frontal air bags may deploy with a lower velocity than designed for the actual seat position.

CONSEQUENCE:

In the event of a vehicle crash necessitating air bag deployment, an air bag that deploys at a lower velocity than designed may increase the risk of personal injury.

REMEDY:

Chrysler will notify owners, and dealers will install a metal shim on the detection plate to correct the seat position sensor accuracy, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin October 24, 2014

RECALL Subject : Brake Vacuum Pump may Stop Functioning

Report Receipt Date: SEP 02, 2014
NHTSA Campaign Number: 14V522000
Component(s):
Potential Number of Units Affected: 1,810

| Vehicle Make | Model | Model Year(s) |
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| • MITSUBISHI | I-MIEV | 2010-2014 |

Manufacturer: Mitsubishi Motors North America, Inc.

SUMMARY:

Mitsubishi Motors North America, Inc. (Mitsubishi) is recalling certain model year 2010-2014 i-MiEV electric vehicles manufactured September 15, 2009, to March 25, 2014. Due to either software programming or corrosion caused by road salt, the brake vacuum pump may stop functioning.

CONSEQUENCE:

If the brake vacuum pump stops functioning, the distance needed to stop the vehicle may be lengthened, increasing the risk of a crash.

REMEDY:

Mitsubishi will notify owners, and depending on the affected vehicle, dealers will either reprogram the brake vacuum pump controller, replace the brake vacuum pump or do both, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule.