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NHTSA Recalls of Interest

March 19, 2018

[Driver's Frontal Air Bag Inflator May Rupture](#)

NHTSA Campaign Number: 18V148000

Manufacturer Volkswagen Group of America, Inc.

Components AIR BAGS

Potential Number of Units Affected 51,352

Summary

Volkswagen Group of America, Inc. (Volkswagen) is recalling certain 2009-2014 Volkswagen CC, 2010-2014 Golf, 2010-2011 Eos, 2007-2010 Passat Sedan, and 2007-2010 Passat Wagon vehicles. Upon deployment of the driver's frontal air bag, excessive internal pressure may cause the inflator to explode.

Remedy

Volkswagen will notify owners, and dealers will replace the driver's frontal air bag inflator with an alternative inflator, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin March 15, 2018. Owners may contact Volkswagen customer service at 1-800-893-5298. Volkswagen's number for this recall is 69Q9. Note: This recall partially supersedes recall 16V-078.

Vehicles

MAKE	MODEL	YEAR
VOLKSWAGEN	CC	2009-2014
VOLKSWAGEN	EOS	2010-2011
VOLKSWAGEN	GOLF	2010-2014
VOLKSWAGEN	PASSAT	2007-2010
VOLKSWAGEN	PASSAT WAGON	2007-2010

Steering Gears may Crack

NHTSA Campaign Number: 18V149000

Manufacturer Chrysler (FCA US LLC)

Components STEERING

Potential Number of Units Affected 224

Summary

Chrysler (FCA US LLC) is recalling certain 2018 RAM ProMaster City vehicles. The Nexteer gears within the hydraulic rack and pinion steering system may have a casting defect that can cause a crack and a loss of hydraulic steering fluid.

Remedy

Chrysler will notify owners, and dealers will inspect the steering gear housing, replacing any affected rack-and-pinion assembly, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin April 25, 2018. Owners may contact Chrysler customer service at 1-800-853-1403. Chrysler's number for this recall is U23.

Vehicle

MAKE	MODEL	YEAR
RAM	PROMASTER CITY	2018

Incorrectly Installed Air Bag/FMVSS 214/226

NHTSA Campaign Number: 18V153000

Manufacturer Nissan North America, Inc.

Components AIR BAGS

Potential Number of Units Affected 22

Summary

Nissan North America, Inc. (Nissan) is recalling certain 2018 Nissan 370Z vehicles. The driver's side curtain air bag may have been installed incorrectly during production, possibly affecting its deployment. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 214, "Side Impact Protection," and 226, "Ejection Mitigation."

Remedy

Nissan will notify owners, and dealers will inspect the curtain air bag, correcting its installation as necessary, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact Nissan customer service at 1-800-867-7669.

Vehicle

MAKE MODEL YEAR

NISSAN 370Z 2018

Voltage Protection Device may Activate

NHTSA Campaign Number: 18V161000

Manufacturer Kia Motors America

Components HYBRID PROPULSION SYSTEM

Potential Number of Units Affected 1,710

Summary

Kia Motors America (Kia) is recalling certain 2017-2018 Kia Optima hybrid vehicles. These vehicles are equipped with a Voltage Protection Device (VPD), designed to protect the high voltage battery module, that may activate inadvertently.

Remedy

Kia will notify owners, and dealers will remove the VPD switch and install two newly designed Battery Management Systems (BMS) that contain Overvoltage Protection Devices (OPDs), free of charge. The recall is expected to begin May 3, 2018. Owners may contact Kia customer service at 1-800-333-4542. Kia's number for this recall is SC162.

Vehicle

MAKE MODEL YEAR

KIA OPTIMA 2017-2018

Steering Wheel may Detach

NHTSA Campaign Number: 18V167000

Manufacturer Ford Motor Company

Components STEERING

Potential Number of Units Affected 1,301,986

Summary

Ford Motor Company (Ford) is recalling certain 2014-2018 Lincoln MKZ and Ford Fusion vehicles. The steering wheel retaining bolt may loosen allowing the steering wheel to detach while driving.

Remedy

Ford will notify owners, and dealers will replace the steering wheel bolt with a longer bolt, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin April 30, 2018. Owners may contact Ford customer service at 1-866-436-7332. Ford's number for this recall is 18S08.

Vehicles

MAKE	MODEL	YEAR
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FORD	FUSION	2014-2018
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LINCOLN	MKZ	2014-2018
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