

NHTSA Recalls of Interest March 11, 2019

Rear Seat Belt Buckle May Detach/FMVSS 210

NHTSA Campaign Number: 19V033000

Manufacturer Bentley Motors, Inc.

Components SEAT BELTS

Potential Number of Units Affected 1.059

Summary

Bentley Motors, Inc. (Bentley) is recalling certain 2012-2018 Bentley Mulsanne vehicles. In the event of a crash, the rear seat belt anchor may detach from the vehicle. As such, these vehicles fail to comply to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 210, "Seat Belt Assembly Anchorages."

Remedy

Bentley will notify owners, and dealers will improve the strength of the rear seat belt mounting by adding an additional reinforcement panel to the body structure, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in March 2019. Owners may contact Bentley Customer Service at 1-800-777-6923. Bentley's number for this recall is RE 19/01.

Vehicle

MAKE MODEL YEAR

BENTLEY MULSANNE 2012-2018

Tailgate Lifting Arms may Freeze and Separate

NHTSA Campaign Number: 19V046000

Manufacturer Volvo Car USA LLC

Components STRUCTURE

Potential Number of Units Affected 45,990

Summary

Volvo Car USA LLC (Volvo) is recalling certain 2018-2019 Volvo XC60 vehicles. Under certain conditions and cold temperatures, the Brose tailgate lifting arms may freeze which may cause the lifting arms to separate from the vehicle.

Remedy

Volvo has notified owners, and dealers will replace the tailgate lift arms with an improved designed, free of charge. An interim notification was mailed on January 31, 2019 to notify owners of the issue. A second letter will be sent once remedy parts are available. Owners may contact Volvo customer service at 1-800-458-1552. Volvo's number for this recall is R89910.

Vehicle

MAKE MODEL YEAR

VOLVO XC60 2018-2019

Brakes may Pull Left in Wet Conditions

NHTSA Campaign Number: 19V044000

Manufacturer Hino Motors Sales U.S.A., Inc.

Components SERVICE BRAKES

Potential Number of Units Affected 7,231

Summary

Hino Motors Sales U.S.A., Inc. (Hino) is recalling certain 2007-2019 NJ8J (258ALP) vehicles. These vehicles do not have dust shields on the front brake assemblies. During wet conditions, uneven water saturation on the front brake assemblies may result in the vehicle pulling to the left during hard braking.

Remedy

Hino will notify owners, and dealers will install new brake drums with dust shields, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact Hino customer service at 1-248-699-9390. Hino's number for this recall is AACLO.

Vehicle

MAKE MODEL YEAR

HINO NJ8J 2007-2019

Defrost System Incompatibility/FMVSS 103

NHTSA Campaign Number: 19V051000

Manufacturer Chrysler (FCA US LLC)

Components VISIBILITY

Potential Number of Units Affected 15

Summary

Chrysler (FCA US LLC) is recalling certain 2019 RAM 1500 vehicles equipped with a 12" touchscreen display and a base-level heating, ventilation and air conditioning ("HVAC") system. Vehicles with this combination do not have a functioning windshield defrosting and defogging system. As a result, these vehicles fail to comply with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 103, "Windshield defrosting and defogging systems."

Remedy

Chrysler will notify owners, and dealers will repurchase the affected vehicles. The recall is expected to begin on March 15, 2019. Owners may contact FCA US customer service at 1-800-853-1403. Chrysler's number for this recall is V12.

Vehicle

MAKE MODEL YEAR

RAM 1500 2019

Inaccurate Fuel Gauge Reading

NHTSA Campaign Number: 19V052000

Manufacturer Honda (American Honda Motor Co.)

Components FUEL SYSTEM, GASOLINE

Potential Number of Units Affected 4,455

Summary

Acura (American Honda Motor Co.) is recalling certain 2014-2019 Acura ILX vehicles. The vehicles may have a deformed US Yachiyo fuel tank, raising the height of the fuel pump and allowing the fuel level float to stick, possibly causing the fuel gauge to display an inaccurate fuel level.

Remedy

Acura will notify owners, and dealers will inspect and, as necessary, replace the fuel tank, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin on March 8, 2019. Owners may contact Acura customer service at 1-888-234-2138. Acura's number for this recall is H3U, Z3T.

Vehicle

MAKE MODEL YEAR

ACURA ILX 2014-2019

Loss of Electric Power Steering Assist

NHTSA Campaign Number: 19V065000

Manufacturer Subaru of America, Inc.

Components STEERING

Potential Number of Units Affected 10,417

Summary

Subaru of America, Inc. (Subaru) is recalling certain 2019 Forester and Crosstrek vehicles. A Hitachi connector inside the Electronic Power Steering (EPS) unit may short circuit resulting in a loss of electric power steering assistance.

Remedy

None of the affected vehicles have been sold yet. Subaru has notified dealers and they will inspect the steering gearbox, replacing it as necessary, free of charge. The recall began February 7, 2019. Owners may contact Subaru customer service at 1-844-373-6614. Subaru's number for this recall is WUC-88.

Vehicles

MAKE MODEL YEAR

SUBARU CROSSTREK 2019 SUBARU FORESTER 2019

Transmission Software May Cause Abrupt Downshift

NHTSA Campaign Number: 19V068000

Manufacturer Chrysler (FCA US LLC)

Components POWER TRAIN

Potential Number of Units Affected 8,933

Summary

Chrysler (FCA US LLC) is recalling certain 2017-2019 Fiat Spider 124 vehicles equipped with automatic transmissions. Due to incorrect programming of the Transmission Control Module (TCM), certain conditions may cause the vehicle to unexpectedly downshift and abruptly decelerate.

Remedy

Chrysler will notify owners, and dealers will update the TCM software, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin March 27, 2019. Owners may contact Chrysler customer service at 1-800-853-1403. Chrysler's number for this recall is V20.

Vehicle

MAKE MODEL YEAR

FIAT SPIDER 2017-2019

Transmission Software May Cause Abrupt Downshift

NHTSA Campaign Number: 19V072000

Manufacturer Mazda North American Operations

Components POWER TRAIN

Potential Number of Units Affected 14,370

Summary

Mazda North American Operations (Mazda) is recalling certain 2016-2019 MX-5 (Miata) vehicles with automatic transmissions. Due to incorrect programming of the Transmission Control Module (TCM), certain conditions may cause the vehicle to unexpectedly downshift and abruptly decelerate.

Remedy

Mazda will notify owners, and dealers will reprogram the TCM with corrected software, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin March 29, 2019. Owners may contact Mazda customer service at 1-800-222-5500, option 4. Mazda's number for this recall is 3019A.

Vehicle

MAKE MODEL YEAR

MAZDA MX-5 2016-2019

Brake Lights May Not Illuminate

NHTSA Campaign Number: 19V149000

Manufacturer Subaru of America, Inc.

Components EXTERIOR LIGHTING

Potential Number of Units Affected 1,303,530

Summary

Subaru of America, Inc. (Subaru) is recalling certain 2014-2016 Forester, 2008-2016 Impreza sedans, 2012-2016 Impreza station wagons, 2008-2014 WRX sedans (including STI), and 2013-2017 Crosstrek vehicles. Exposure to certain contaminants may cause the Valeo brake light switch to malfunction, preventing the brake lights from illuminating and also preventing keyless ignition vehicles from starting and CVT/automatic transmissions from being able to be shifted out of Park.

Remedy

Subaru will notify owners, and dealers will replace the brake light switch, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin April 29, 2019. Owners may contact Subaru customer service at 1-800-373-6614. Subaru's number for this recall is WUE-90.

Vehicles

MAKE MODEL YEAR

SUBARU CROSSTREK 2013-2017 SUBARU FORESTER 2014-2016 SUBARU IMPREZA 2008-2016 SUBARU WRX 2008-2014