

NHTSA Recalls of Interest November 21, 2022

Passenger Air Bag May Deploy Incorrectly/FMVSS 208

NHTSA Campaign Number: 22V843000

Manufacturer Tesla, Inc.

Components AIR BAGS

Potential Number of Units Affected 29,348

Summary

Tesla, Inc. (Tesla) is recalling certain 2021-2023 Model X vehicles. The restraint control module (RCM) calibration may cause the front passenger air bag to deploy incorrectly during certain low speed crashes. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard number 208, "Occupant Crash Protection."

Remedy

Tesla has released an over-the-air (OTA) software update to recalibrate the RCM, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed January 14, 2023. Owners may contact Tesla customer service at 1-877-798-3752. Tesla's number for this recall is SB-22-00-015.

Vehicle

MAKE MODEL YEAR

TESLA MODEL X 2021-2023

Seat Belt Assembly Malfunction

NHTSA Campaign Number: 22V838000

Manufacturer Subaru of America, Inc.

Components SEAT BELTS

Potential Number of Units Affected 16

Summary

Subaru of America, Inc. (Subaru) is recalling certain 2009-2013 Forester vehicles. The front seat belt assembly force-limiter may not operate correctly in the event of a crash.

Remedy

Dealers will inspect and replace the seat belt assembly, if necessary, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed December 9, 2022. Owners may contact Subaru customer service at 1-844-373-6614. Subaru's number for this recall is WRJ-22.

Vehicle

MAKE MODEL YEAR

SUBARU FORESTER 2009-2013

Electrical Resistance at Main Relay May Cause Fire

NHTSA Campaign Number: 22V836000

Manufacturer Kia America, Inc.

Components HYBRID PROPULSION SYSTEM

Potential Number of Units Affected 27,030

Summary

Kia Motors America (Kia) is recalling certain 2017-2018 Kia Niro hybrid electric vehicles previously recalled under recall 18V-666. The Main Relay within the Power Relay Assembly (PRA) may have inadequate connections between its contacts, causing increased electrical resistance, which can overheat the rear seats.

Remedy

Dealers will inspect the PRA and replace either the PRA or the Main Relay, as necessary, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed January 9, 2023. Owners may contact Kia customer service at 1-800-333-4542. Kia's number for this recall is SC256. This recall supersedes NHTSA recall number 18V-666. Vehicles already repaired under the previous recall will need to have the new remedy completed.

Vehicle

MAKE MODEL YEAR

KIA NIRO 2017-2018

Electric Motor Sealing Ring Incorrectly Assembled

Coolant that leaks into the high-voltage system may impact safety-critical systems and warning lights, causing a loss of vehicle control or unintended air bag deployment, and increasing the risk of a crash or injury.

NHTSA Campaign Number: 22V830000

Manufacturer Volkswagen Group of America, Inc.

Components ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

Potential Number of Units Affected 392

Summary

Volkswagen Group of America, Inc. (Volkswagen) is recalling certain 2023 ID4 vehicles. The electric motor sealing ring was improperly assembled, which may allow coolant to leak into the high-voltage system and interfere with the CAN communication and power supply.

Remedy

Dealers will inspect and replace the electric motor, if necessary, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed January 6, 2023. Owners may contact Volkswagen's customer service at 1-800-893-5298. Volkswagen's number for this recall is 1909.

Vehicle

MAKE MODEL YEAR

VOLKSWAGEN ID.4 2023

Front Windshield Wipers May Not Activate/FMVSS 104

NHTSA Campaign Number: 22V831000

Manufacturer Volkswagen Group of America, Inc.

Components VISIBILITY/WIPER, ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

Potential Number of Units Affected 5

Summary

Volkswagen Group of America, Inc. (Volkswagen) is recalling certain 2016 Golf R vehicles. Incorrect front windshield wiper software was installed which may prevent the wipers from activating. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard number 104, "Windshield Wiping and Washing Systems."

Remedy

Dealers will update the body control module software, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed January 6, 2023. Owners may contact Volkswagen's customer service at 1-800-893-5298. Volkswagen's number for this recall is 91EN.

Vehicle

MAKE MODEL YEAR

VOLKSWAGEN GOLF R 2016

Windshield Wiper Motor May Fail

NHTSA Campaign Number: 22V842000

Manufacturer Ford Motor Company

Components VISIBILITY

Potential Number of Units Affected 453,650

Summary

Ford Motor Company (Ford) is recalling certain 2021-2022 F-150 vehicles. The front windshield wiper motor may become inoperative, causing the wipers to fail.

Remedy

Dealers will replace the front windshield wiper motor, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed January 3, 2023. Owners may contact Ford customer service at 1-866-436-7332. Ford's number for this recall is 22S71. This recall expands previous recall number 22V-142.

Vehicle

MAKE MODEL YEAR

FORD F-150 2021-2022

Taillight May Fail to Illuminate

NHTSA Campaign Number: 22V844000

Manufacturer Tesla, Inc.

Components EXTERIOR LIGHTING

Potential Number of Units Affected 321,628

Summary

Tesla, Inc. (Tesla) is recalling certain 2023 Model 3 and 2020-2023 Model Y vehicles. One or both taillights may intermittently fail to illuminate.

Remedy

Tesla has released an over-the-air (OTA) software update, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed January 14, 2023. Owners may contact Tesla customer service at 1-877-798-3752. Tesla's number for this recall is SB-22-00-016.

Vehicles

MAKE MODEL YEAR

TESLA MODEL 3 2023 TESLA MODEL Y 2020-2023

Insufficient Passenger Protection/FMVSS 222

NHTSA Campaign Number: 22V840000

Manufacturer Daimler Trucks North America, LLC

Components SEATS

Potential Number of Units Affected 20

Summary

Daimler Trucks North America, LLC (DTNA) is recalling certain 2021-2023 Thomas Built Buses Minotour school buses. The forward seat barrier behind the driver may not provide sufficient protection to passengers. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard number 222, "School Bus Passenger Seating and Crash Protection."

Remedy

Dealers will replace the barrier, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed January 12, 2023. Owners may contact DTNA customer service at 1-800-547-0712. DTNA's number for this recall is FL959.

Vehicle

MAKE MODEL YEAR

THOMAS BUILT BUSES MINOTOUR 2021-2023