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NHTSA Recalls of Interest

RECALL Subject : Front Passenger Seat Belt may not Latch

Report Receipt Date: JUL 14, 2015

NHTSA Campaign Number: 15V446000

Component(s): SEAT BELTS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 2,587

| Vehicle Make | Model | Model Year(s) |
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| • KIA | SORENTO | 2016 |

Manufacturer: Kia Motors America

SUMMARY:

Kia Motors America (Kia) is recalling certain model year 2016 Kia Sorento vehicles manufactured October 23, 2014, to December 10, 2014. The affected vehicles have a front passenger seat belt whose buckle latch assembly may prevent the front passenger from fastening the seat belt.

CONSEQUENCE:

If the front passenger seat belt cannot be latched, an occupant sitting in the front passenger seat has an increased risk of injury in the event of a crash.

REMEDY:

Kia will notify owners, and dealers will replace the front passenger seat belt buckle cover, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin August 18, 2015.

RECALL Subject : Inverter Failure may cause Hybrid Vehicle to Stall

Report Receipt Date: JUL 15, 2015
NHTSA Campaign Number: 15V449000
Component(s): HYBRID PROPULSION SYSTEM
Potential Number of Units Affected: 108,624

| Vehicle Make | Model | Model Year(s) |
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| • TOYOTA | PRIUS V | 2012-2014 |

Manufacturer: Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing

SUMMARY:

Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing (Toyota) is recalling certain model year 2012-2014 Prius V vehicles manufactured August 22, 2011, to June 30, 2014. A component within the hybrid inverter assembly may overheat, causing the hybrid system to reduce output power allowing the vehicle to only drive a short distance. In some circumstances, the hybrid system may shut down causing the vehicle to stop while being driven.

CONSEQUENCE:

The vehicle may enter a fail-safe/limp-home mode that limits the drivability of the vehicle. The hybrid system could also shut down completely resulting in a vehicle stall, increasing the risk of a crash.

REMEDY:

Toyota will notify owners, and dealers will update the software for the motor/generator control electronic control unit (ECU) and the hybrid control ECU, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in late July 2015.

RECALL Subject : Side Impact Crash Worthiness/FMVSS 214

Report Receipt Date: JUL 17, 2015
NHTSA Campaign Number: 15V450000
Component(s): STRUCTURE
Potential Number of Units Affected: 30,456

| Vehicle Make | Model | Model Year(s) |
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| • MINI | COOPER | 2014-2015 |
| • MINI | COOPER S | 2014-2015 |
| • MINI | JOHN COOPER WORKS | 2015 |

Manufacturer: BMW of North America, LLC

SUMMARY:

BMW of North America, LLC (BMW) is recalling certain model year 2014-2015 MINI Cooper and MINI Cooper S Hardtop 2 Door vehicles and 2015 MINI John Cooper Works Hardtop 2 Door vehicles. The affected vehicles do not meet the side impact performance requirements for the rear seat passengers. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 214, "Side Impact Protection."

CONSEQUENCE:

If the side impact performance requirements are not met, rear seat passengers may be at a higher risk of injury during a crash.

REMEDY:

MINI will notify owners, and dealers will install additional energy absorption material between the rear interior side panels and the exterior vehicle body, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin September 12, 2015.

RECALL Subject : Loss of Electric Power Steering Assist

Report Receipt Date: JUL 20, 2015

NHTSA Campaign Number: 15V452000

Component(s): STEERING

Potential Number of Units Affected: 5,625

| Vehicle Make | Model | Model Year(s) |
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| • AUDI | SQ5 | 2014-2015 |

Manufacturer: Volkswagen Group of America, Inc.

SUMMARY:

Volkswagen Group of America, Inc. (Volkswagen) is recalling certain model year 2014-2015 Audi SQ5 vehicles manufactured May 22, 2013, to April 14, 2015. The affected vehicles have an electric power steering assist system that may shut down in cold temperatures due to a steering motor sensor fault.

CONSEQUENCE:

If the vehicle experiences a loss of power steering assist, extra steering effort will be required at lower speeds, increasing the risk of a vehicle crash.

REMEDY:

Volkswagen will notify owners, and dealers will update the power steering control module software, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin July 28, 2015.

RECALL Subject : Doors May Not Fully Latch/FMVSS 206

Report Receipt Date: JUL 21, 2015

NHTSA Campaign Number: 15V453000

Component(s): LATCHES/LOCKS/LINKAGES

Potential Number of Units Affected: 6,595

| Vehicle Make | Model | Model Year(s) |
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| • NISSAN | ROGUE | 2015 |
| • NISSAN | SENTRA | 2015 |
| • NISSAN | VERSA NOTE | 2015 |

Manufacturer: Nissan North America, Inc.

SUMMARY:

Nissan North America, Inc. (Nissan) is recalling certain model year 2015 Nissan Rogue vehicles manufactured June 9, 2015, to June 10, 2015, and 2015 Nissan Sentra and Versa Note vehicles manufactured June 5, 2015, to June 13, 2015. In the affected vehicles, the driver side front and rear doors may not fully latch. Due to a manufacturing error at the Tier 2 supplier that has since been corrected, some of the door latch mounting plates for the left hand doors may have been manufactured out of specification. This condition could lead to binding of the ratchet mechanism which captures the door striker as the door closes. In some instances, this could cause the left hand (driver's side) front and/or rear doors not to fully latch when closed and the affected vehicles may not comply with 54.1.1 of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 206, "Door Locks and Door Retention Components."

CONSEQUENCE:

A door that does not fully latch may result in the door opening while the car is moving. The distraction may increase the risk of a crash and/or a vehicle occupant may fall out of the vehicle if they are not wearing a seatbelt, increasing their risk of injury.

REMEDY:

Nissan will notify owners, and dealers will inspect the date, lot number, and cavity code on the left front and rear door latches, and replace them, as necessary, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin by mid-September 2015.

RECALL Subject : Inadvertent Side Air Bag Deployment

Report Receipt Date: JUL 27, 2015
NHTSA Campaign Number: 15V467000
Component(s): AIR BAGS , SEAT BELTS
Potential Number of Units Affected: 284,153

| Vehicle Make | Model | Model Year(s) |
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| • DODGE | CHARGER | 2011-2014 |

Manufacturer: Chrysler (FCA US LLC)

SUMMARY:

Chrysler (FCA US LLC) is recalling certain model year 2011-2014 Dodge Charger vehicles manufactured May 6, 2010, to June 5, 2014. In the affected vehicles, if an ORC module with the previous calibration detects pressure sensor inputs within its calibrated deployment range (such as that experienced from door slam/kick events or heavy road inputs), the side impact sensor calibrations may be overly sensitive, and as a result, the side air bag inflatable curtains and seat air bags may unexpectedly deploy and the seat belt pre-tensioners may activate.

CONSEQUENCE:

Air bags that unexpectedly deploy increase the risk of a crash or injury.

REMEDY:

Chrysler will notify owners, and dealers will update the Occupant Restraint Control module calibration, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule.