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## NHTSA Recalls of Interest

October 22, 2012

Report Date :**October 22, 2012 at 09:49 AM**  
NHTSA CAMPAIGN ID Number:**12V492000**

**Vehicle Make / Model:**

MERCEDES BENZ / E350

MERCEDES BENZ / E550

**Manufacturer:** MERCEDES-BENZ USA, LLC.

**NHTSA CAMPAIGN ID Number:** 12V492000

**Model Year(s):**

2012

2012

**Report Receipt Date:** OCT 09, 2012

**NHTSA Action Number:** N/A

**Component:** AIR BAGS:SIDE/WINDOW

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 499

**Summary:**

Mercedes-Benz is recalling certain model year 2012 E350 and E550 Coupe vehicles, manufactured April 2, 2012, through June 29, 2012. Improper stitching of the right side window curtain air bag may cause it to not deploy as intended in the affected vehicles.

**Consequence:**

In the event of an accident necessitating the deployment of the right window curtain air bag, the improper stitching may cause it to deflate more quickly than intended, reducing the protection it may provide, resulting in an increased risk of injury to vehicle occupants.

**Remedy:**

Mercedes-Benz will notify owners, and dealers will replace the right side window curtain air bag. The recall campaign is expected to begin in November 2012. Owners may contact Mercedes-Benz at 1-800-367-6372.

Report Date :**October 22, 2012 at 09:51 AM**  
NHTSA CAMPAIGN ID Number:**12V489000**

**Vehicle Make / Model:**

MASERATI / GRANTURISMO

MASERATI / QUATTROPORTE

**Manufacturer:** MASERATI NORTH AMERICA, INC.

**NHTSA CAMPAIGN ID Number:** 12V489000

**Model Year(s):**

2012

2012

**Report Receipt Date:** OCT 09, 2012

**NHTSA Action Number:** N/A

**Component:** TIRES:PRESSURE MONITORING AND REGULATING SYSTEMS

**Potential Number of Units Affected: 485**

**Summary:**

Maserati is recalling certain model year 2012 Quattroporte, Granturismo, Granturismo Convertible, and Granturismo MC vehicles. The tire pressure monitoring system (TPMS) may malfunction due to a software error, preventing the driver from being notified of a low tire pressure situation.

**Consequence:**

If the driver continues to operate the vehicle with a tire that has low air pressure, the tire may fail, increasing the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Maserati will notify owners, and dealers will replace the TPMS control unit free of charge. The campaign is expected to begin in early November 2012. Owners may contact Maserati at 1-201-816-2600.

Report Date :**October 22, 2012 at 09:51 AM**  
NHTSA CAMPAIGN ID Number:**12V488000**

**Vehicle Make / Model:**

FORD / FIESTA

**Manufacturer:** Ford Motor Company

**NHTSA CAMPAIGN ID Number:** 12V488000

**Model Year(s):**

2011-2013

**Report Receipt Date:** OCT 05, 2012

**NHTSA Action Number:** N/A

**Component:** AIR BAGS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 154,604

**Summary:**

Ford is recalling certain model year 2011-2013 Fiesta vehicles, manufactured from November 3, 2009 through September 21, 2012. The vehicles fail to comply with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 208, "Occupant Crash Protection." The passenger side curtain air bag will not deploy in the event of a side impact collision when the front passenger seat is empty. Although the side curtain air bag system was designed to suppress the side curtain air bag under this scenario, that information is not explained in the owner's guide for these vehicles as required by FMVSS No.208.

**Consequence:**

An occupant in the right rear seating position will not have coverage from the side curtain air bag in a side impact collision when the front passenger seat is empty, increasing the risk of injury to the right rear occupant.

**Remedy:**

Ford will notify owners and dealers will reprogram the vehicle's software free of charge so that it no longer suppresses the passenger side curtain air bag when the front passenger seat is empty, and consistent with the description in the owner's guide. The safety recall is expected to begin shortly. Owner's may contact Ford at 1-866-436-7332.

Report Date :**October 22, 2012 at 09:53 AM**  
NHTSA CAMPAIGN ID Number:**12V496000**

**Vehicle Make / Model:**

BRAUN / ENTERVAN

**Manufacturer:** Braun Corporation

**NHTSA CAMPAIGN ID Number:** 12V496000

**Model Year(s):**

2012

**Report Receipt Date:** OCT 09, 2012

**NHTSA Action Number:** N/A

**Component:** SEATS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 60

**Summary:**

Braun is recalling certain model year 2012 Entervan vehicles equipped with aftermarket seat covers, part numbers E51815K-D90-11 and E51817K-11, manufactured from February 28, 2012, through September 21, 2012. The seat covers may have been incorrectly installed with the driver seat cover on the passenger seat and vice versa and will have an 'SRS AIRBAG' label located on the inboard seat bolster.

**Consequence:**

The seat covers were built with special stitching on one side to permit side airbag deployment from the seat bolster. If the seat covers are installed on the incorrect seats, the seat cover will not allow side airbag deployment during a vehicle crash, increasing the risk of injury to the vehicle occupants.

**Remedy:**

Braun will notify owners, and dealers will inspect and correct the installation of the seat covers as needed, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin during October 2012. Owners may contact Braun customer service center at 1-800-488-0359.