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of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215kjs
14V-344

Subject: Frontal Air Bag Inflators may Rupture

Dear Mr. Robertson:

This serves to acknowledge receipt of Mazda North American Operations' (Mazda) letter of June 19, 2014 notifying NHTSA of Mazda's intention to conduct a limited regional recall in Florida, Puerto Rico, Hawaii and the U.S. Virgin Islands of vehicles it manufactured originally equipped with certain TK Holdings, Inc. (Takata) air bag inflators. We confirm that Mazda has notified the agency that it has not decided there is a safety defect in its vehicles, and is conducting this recall out of an abundance of caution in the absence of a cognizable defect trend. The objectives of the recall are twofold. The primary goal is to protect the drivers and passengers in these areas for which there have been isolated incidents of inflator rupture on a wide variety of manufacturer makes and models. The secondary goal is to capture air bag inflators for analysis and testing. This recall is being conducted in response to an agency proposal that the involved manufacturers conduct this action in the interests of motor vehicle safety and in order to support a coordinated and aggressive effort, together with Takata to ascertain if there is safety defect in either the driver's or front passenger's inflators, determine any cause(s), and conduct the necessary additional safety recalls if applicable.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

MAZDA/MAZDA6/2003-2007
MAZDA/MAZDASPEED6/2006-2007
MAZDA/MPV/2004-2006
MAZDA/RX-8/2004-2008

NHTSA Campaign Number: 14V- 344

Mfr's Report Date: June 19, 2014

Components: AIR BAGS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 37,700

Summary:

Mazda Motor Corp. (Mazda) is conducting a limited regional recall for certain model year 2003-2007 Mazda6, 2006 and 2007 Mazdaspeed6, 2004-2006 MPV, and 2004-2008 RX-8 vehicles originally sold in, or currently registered in Florida, Puerto Rico, Hawaii and the U.S. Virgin Islands and equipped with Takata-brand air bag inflators. Upon deployment of the driver side and/or passenger side frontal air bag, excessive internal pressure may cause the inflator to rupture.

Consequence:

In the event of a crash necessitating deployment of the either of the frontal air bags, the inflator could rupture with metal fragments striking and potentially seriously injuring the vehicle occupants.

Remedy:

Mazda will notify owners, and dealers will inspect the vehicles and replace any defective air bag inflators, as necessary, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin during July 2014. Owners may contact Mazda customer service at 1-248-295-7859. Mazda's number for this recall is SSP96.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

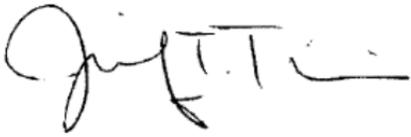
Please be reminded of the following requirements:

Please submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers for our review. Although Mazda has not identified a safety defect in its vehicles, in order to maximize owner response and minimize confusion, the owner letter should be fully compliant with 49 CFR Part 577.5. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at 1-202-366 5227, or by email at kelly.schuler@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement