

8C *Competizione*



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Dear Alfa Romeo 8C Dealer:

Maserati S.p.A., the manufacturer of Alfa Romeo 8C Competizione automobiles and Maserati North America, Inc., have decided that a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists in certain Model Year 2008 Alfa Romeo 8C Competizione vehicles which were manufactured with incorrectly torqued front and rear suspension upper and lower ball joint nuts - reference Safety Recall 183 (NHTSA number 09V-001).

The remedy involves a check of tightening torque of front/rear upper and lower ball joint nuts and if necessary, the replacement of the suspension arms and hub carrier. Incorrect ball joint nut torque can lead to noise and the possibility that the suspension arm will break. A broken suspension arm will lead to a loss of steering function and could result in a crash.

The vehicles affected are as follows:

Alfa Romeo 8C Competizione Vehicle Identification Numbers ZARJA181380038487 to ZARJA181380039686 which have an Assembly Number 39737 to 42142. The affected vehicles mentioned above will have the ball joint nuts checked for correct tightening torque and if necessary have the front/rear left/right upper and lower suspension arm/hub carrier replaced and a wheel alignment performed. All customers will receive notification of the remedy campaign.

The corrective action for the above listed repair, will be performed free of charge to the vehicle owner, and will require up to approximately 1 hour to complete the tightening torque check or up to approximately 2.65 hours for replacement of the front suspension arm (if required), and up to approximately 4 hours for replacement of the rear suspension arm (if required). If the suspension arm requires replacement, a wheel alignment will be performed as well. We have accordingly notified all owners of the affected vehicles, advising the owner of this problem and requesting that he or she contact any Authorized Alfa 8C Dealer for the repair.

Vehicles requiring a replacement of the front/rear ball joint nuts/upper/lower suspension arm(s)/ball joint and hub carrier must be ordered as a critical VOR. Upon transmittal of the repair under the normal warranty system, we will of course reimburse you for the parts and the labor necessary to carry out this recall campaign.

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**Obviously, if you have any of the affected vehicles in your stock, you must not sell them until you have checked and that vehicle's ball joint nuts are tightened to the correct torque specifications.**

If you have already sold any of the vehicles with the chassis numbers specified (VIN and Assembly numbers) in the enclosed instructions and have not yet sent in the new owner information to MNA, please do so at once so we may notify these owners.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



Victor Soriano  
National Aftersales Operations Manager