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REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

Assigned Recall No. 00V-004 by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: **January 5, 2000**

Manufacturer: **Mazda North American Operations**

Manufacturer Contact: **Mr. Mitsuhide Kikkawa, Senior Technical Representative
Environmental & Safety Engineering**

FAX: **(313) 594-7473**

SUBJECT: 19,000 Mazda 1995 Miata vehicles manufactured from July 1994 through June 1995. The air bag can inadvertently deploy in minor undercarriage impacts.

This is an **initial** acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be forthcoming shortly. After our review of your report and associated documents, we may have additional comments or concerns.

This recall was the subject of an Engineering Analysis, EA99-016, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

Please provide your draft owner notification letter and an estimated owner notification date as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please call:

 Patricia Wallace, Recall Analyst on (202) 366-5232 or
Jonathan White, Chief on (202) 366-5226
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Dear Mr. Kikkawa:

We have reviewed Mazda North American Operations' (Mazda) Defect Information Report dated January 5, 2000, submitted in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports." This recall involves 19,000 Mazda 1995 Miata vehicles manufactured from July 1994 through June 1995. The air bag can inadvertently deploy in minor undercarriage impacts. The assigned recall identification number for this recall is 00V-004.

This recall was the subject of an Engineering Analysis, EA99-016, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

Mazda is responsible for the remedy of these vehicles from this day forward, regardless of vehicle age, mileage, or ownership.

Quarterly Reports

As stated in Part 573.6, 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. The current quarter began January 1 and ends on March 31, 2000. If owner notification occurs during this time period, the first quarterly report will be due by April 30, 2000.

Recall Communications

Communications pertaining to safety recalls and issued by Mazda to more than one distributor, dealer, purchaser, or owner are to be submitted to this office within 5 days of issuance as described under 49 CFR Part 573.5(c)(9). Where this information is sent over a period time, the communications are to be submitted within 5 days from the date the communications were first sent, and furnish the date, or range of dates, each communication

was issued. This includes information transmitted by computer, telefax, or other electronic means; and initial or interim communications. All copies are to be in readable form and a written transcript should be provided for each non-written communication. Also, if the communication was not nationally and uniformly distributed, then identify the criteria used for the distribution.

Manufacturer Communications

Part 573.8, "Notices, Bulletins and Other Communications," requires that every motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment manufacturer shall furnish a copy of all notices, bulletins, and other communications (including warranty and policy extension communiques and product improvement bulletins) to manufacturers, distributors, dealers, or purchasers, regarding any defect in its vehicle or items of equipment (including any failure or malfunction beyond normal deterioration in use, any failure of performance, or any flaw or unintended deviation from design specifications), whether or not such defect is safety related. These notices or communications are to be submitted, regardless of the media used to transmit the information. Where communications are made orally or electronically, provide a transcript. In all other cases, provide the information in the media form used to transmit the information. On a case by case basis, we may require written transcripts of this material as well. Copies are to be submitted monthly, not more than 5 working days after the end of each month.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Pat Wallace at (202) 366-5232 or fax at (202) 366-7882.

Sincerely,



Jonathan D. White, Chief
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