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Re: Safety Concerns on 2000 Mazda 626

I bought a new 2000 Mazda 626 late in 2000 and I have a serious safety concern with the operation of the car's door latch assemblies. I had to replace the rear driver's side door assembly in Dec 2004 at a cost of \$250. The problem was such that the door could not be unlocked using either the electric lock switch or the manual switch on the door. The door was completely inoperable; there was no way that we could open the door.

Late last year, both the front and rear passenger side doors were afflicted with the same problem. With the progression of events, it's probably just a matter of time before the front driver's side door becomes inoperable. This would appear to me to be a serious safety violation. There is no way that a person could use these doors in an emergency.

I have contacted Mazda and they have not provided a resolution to the problem. I would like to know if other Mazda owners are experiencing the same problem. I feel this situation should be investigated for a possible recall.

Thank you,

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Topeka, KS [Redacted]

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