



U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
  
National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration

**DOT Auto Safety Hotline**  
**Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire**  
**To Report Vehicle Safety Defects**  
**1-888-DASH-2-DOT 2008 DEC 30 AM 7:50**  
**(1-888-327-4236)**  
**INTERNET:www.nhtsa.dot.gov/hotline**

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Date Received

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Reference No.  
10251168

**OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)**

Name [REDACTED]  
Address [REDACTED]  
City EAST WINDSOR State CT Zip Code [REDACTED]

Daytime Telephone Number

E-mail Address

Evening Telephone Number

Do you authorize NHTSA to provide a copy of this report to the manufacturer of your vehicle? ☒ YES ☒ NO  
In the absence of [REDACTED] or address to the vehicle manufacturer.  
Signature of Owner [REDACTED] Date 12/14/08

**VEHICLE INFORMATION**

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side  
4F2Y294163 [REDACTED] Make MAZDA Model TRIBUTE Model Year 2003

Date Purchased 10-05-02 Dealer's Name and Telephone Number MORANDE MAZDA 860-643-5135 Engine: No: Cylinders 6 Fuel Type: GAS  
Original Owner ☐ Dealer's City [REDACTED] State [REDACTED] Zip Code [REDACTED]

Transmission Type Auto ☒ Antilock Brakes ☒ Cruise Control Powertrain Multiple Failure: Incident Date(s) 15-OCT-2008

**FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION**

Vehicle Component Code: 030000 SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC Failure Mileage 40000 Failure Speed 35

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE**

Tire Make Tire Model (Name or Number) Tire Size (Example P215/65R15)  
DOT No. (Example: DOTM19ABC036) ☐ Original Equipment ☐ Prior Repair Failure Location:  
Tire Component Code Tire Failure Type:

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A CHILD SEAT FAILURE**

Make: Date Manufactured: Model No./Name:  
Seat Type: Installation System:  
Child Seat Component Code: Failed Part:

**APPLICABLE INCIDENT INFORMATION**

(Please describe in detail the incident(s), Failure(s), Crash(es), and injury(ies).)

Crash ☐ Yes ☒ No Fire ☐ Yes ☒ No Number of Persons Injured 0 Number of Deaths 0 Reported to Police N

Narrative Description of Incident(S), Crash(es), and Injury(ies).  
Please describe (1) events leading up to the failure, (2) failure and its consequences, and (3) what was done to correct the failure;  
i.e., parts repaired or replaced (and if old part is available).

TL\*THE CONTACT OWNS A 2003 MAZDA TRIBUTE. THE CONTACT STATED THAT HIS VIN WAS NOT INCLUDED IN NHTSA CAMPAIGN ID NUMBER 07V157000 (SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC:ANTI LOCK:CONTROL UNIT/MODULE). HE WAS EXPERIENCING ISSUES WITH THE ABS. THE MODULAR CONNECTOR HAD TO BE REPLACED BECAUSE IT LOST CONNECTION WITH THE COMPUTER AND LOCKED THE BRAKING SYSTEM. WHILE DRIVING BETWEEN 35-45 MPH, THE FRONT PASSENGER SIDE WHEEL FROZE AND SLOWED DOWN THE VEHICLE. A MECHANIC REPAIRED THE FAILURE BECAUSE THE WHEEL WOULD LOCK AND CAUSE THE VEHICLE TO SPIN. THE CONTACT CALLED THE MANUFACTURER TO INQUIRE ABOUT A RECALL, AND WAS INFORMED THAT THEY WOULD NOT PROCESS A REIMBURSEMENT BECAUSE HE DID NOT TAKE THE VEHICLE TO AN AUTHORIZED DEALER FOR REPAIR. THE FAILURE MILEAGE WAS 40,000.

Include, if available: Police/Fire Department Report, Photos, and Repair Invoice.

ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY

The Privacy Act of 1974-Public Law 93-579 This information is requested pursuant to authority vested in the National Highway Traffic Safety Act and subsequent amendments. You are under no obligation to respond to this questionnaire. Your response may be used to assist the NHTSA in determining whether a Manufacturer should take appropriate action to correct a safety defect. If the NHTSA proceeds with administrative enforcement or litigation against a manufacturer, your response, or a statistical summary thereof, may be used in support of the agency's action.

[REDACTED]  
East Windsor, Ct [REDACTED]

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Enclosed are copy's of:

Recall 07V157000  
Requirements for Reimbursement  
Reimbursement Application Form  
Work Invoices

I never received notice of a recall in writing or verbally. I took my Tribute to my repair shop with problems with the brakes. Repair shop diagnosed the ABS Module problem and stated unsafe to drive. Repair shop ordered parts and did the repairs.

My reimbursement application was declined by Mazda. Reason for decline:  
Repairs not done at a Mazda dealer

Please note requirements for reimbursement.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

[REDACTED]

## **Recall 07V157000: ABS Module Connector Defect**

Notes:

**MAKE/MODELS: MODEL/BUILD YEARS:**

**Mazda/Tribute 2001-2004**

**MANUFACTURER: Mazda Motor Corp.**

**NHTSA CAMPAIGN ID NUMBER: 07V157000 MFR'S REPORT DATE: March 30, 2007**

**COMPONENT: Service Brakes, Hydraulic Antilock Control Unit/Module**

**POTENTIAL NUMBER OF UNITS AFFECTED: 95300**

### **SUMMARY:**

On certain sport utility vehicles equipped with ANTILOCK Brakes (ABS), the ABS module connector may have missing or dislodged wire seals. This condition could allow contamination to enter the module connector, creating a potential for an electrical short.

### **CONSEQUENCE:**

An electrical short might cause an ABS malfunction that would illuminate the ABS warning light, and in some cases, the module may overheat resulting in burning odor, smoke, and/or fire. This condition could occur either when the vehicle ignition switch is in the off position or while the vehicle is being operated.

### **REMEDY:**

Dealers will inspect the wire harness connector to the ABS module for missing or dislodged wire seals, and repair or replace the harness connector as appropriate. The dealer will also inspect the connector on the ABS module and replace it if it is found to be corroded or damaged. The recall began on April 30, 2007. Owners may contact Mazda at 1-800-222-5500.

### **NOTES:**

Mazda recall No. 4507C. Customers may also contact The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

## Requirements for Reimbursement

You have an original or legible copy of the paid repair order or invoice receipt showing:

- Description of the concern reported
- Vehicle model and year, and vehicle identification number
- Repair date
- Repair mileage
- Name, address, and telephone number of the authorized Mazda Dealer or a licensed repair shop where such repairs were performed
- Your name and address at the time of repair

Mail this reimbursement application form to:

Mazda North American Operations

PO Box 5049

Lake Forest, CA 92609-8549

1. Complete the Reimbursement Application Form found on the reverse side of this page.
2. Mail the Reimbursement Application Form with a legible copy of the paid repair order and/or invoice.
3. Retain copies of the paid repair order or invoice and this application form for your records.

If you wish to correspond with Mazda regarding this reimbursement plan, please write to the above address and refer to your vehicle identification number (VIN).

Any reimbursement application form that is incomplete, illegible, or sent without the legible copy of the paid repair order or invoice will be returned for completion. If Mazda has any questions concerning your application for reimbursement, you may be contacted. Please allow 6-8 weeks for processing.

# Reimbursement Application Form

## Recall - ABS Module Connector Defect

### REIMBURSEMENT APPLICATION FORM

2001 - 2004 Mazda Tribute Anti-Lock Brake System (ABS) Voluntary Safety Recall 43070

(Please type or print)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Last

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address

City State Zip Code  
East Windsor CT

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Work

Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) 4F2Y294163  
(17 digits - longer)

Total Amount of Reimbursement Requested: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dollars Cents

#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR GENERAL RELEASE DESCRIBED BELOW:

- Please read thoroughly
- Fill in vehicle identification number
- Sign the General Release below

#### General Release

I am submitting to Mazda Motor Corporation ("Mazda") a claim for reimbursement for all inspection, repair or replacement of the ABS module and/or front hardware. The vehicle identification number (VIN) is:

VIN: \_\_\_\_\_

In exchange for Mazda's payment of that claim, I hereby release Mazda, its agents, and its related entities from all claims for such inspection/repair costs. This release shall benefit Mazda and its authorized agent Mazda North American Operations, its regional distributors (foreign and domestic), its authorized dealerships, and all their respective directors, officers, agents, employees, divisions, subsidiaries, and affiliated companies. This release shall bind my heirs, successors and assigns.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Don's Auto Care Center, LLC**

14 North Road  
 East Windsor, CT 08088  
 Shop Phone: (860) 292-8917

## Invoice

12040

Estimate Ref #80.808

Date Printed: 10/10/2008

Printed Time: 2:26 pm

Ref: [REDACTED]

Don's Auto Care Center, LLC

Time Promised:

2003 MAZDA TRIBUTE LX V8 3.0L 2954CC FI GAS N

VIN: 4F2YZ94183 [REDACTED]

BROAD BROOK, CT [REDACTED]

Licensee: [REDACTED]

Mileage In: 0

Date Written: 10/09/2008

Home: [REDACTED]

Unit: [REDACTED]

Mileage Out: 29,668

Written By

Cell: [REDACTED]

OCW: 0032

Save Old Parts: No

| Job Name | Description | Technician | Qty | List | Extended |
|----------|-------------|------------|-----|------|----------|
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Job #1

Note/Title

CK ABS / COOLANT SERV

Job Total: 0.00

COOLANT SERVICE

No Description Given

Labor 1

Work Requested - COOLANT SERVICE

74.00

Work Performed - DRAIN RADIATOR, REMOVE &amp; CLEAN OVER FLOW JUG, FILL SYSTEM &amp; PRESSURE TEST

Part ANT111

ANTIFREEZE

2.00

12.32

24.64

Job Total: 98.64

Job #3

Labor 1

DIAGNOSED ABS PROBLEM, FOUN...

Work Requested - DIAGNOSED ABS PROBLEM, FOUND  
 INTERMITTATE ABS MODULE NO COMMUNICATION.  
 FOUND RECALL FOR ABS, SUGGESTS VEHICLE BE  
 BROUGHT BACK TO DEALER

148.00

Job Total: 148.00

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DONSAUTCARECENTER.COM

| Payment Date    | Type | Method | Amount |
|-----------------|------|--------|--------|
| Payment Totals: |      |        |        |

Parts: \$24.64

Labor: \$222.00

Sublet: \$0.00

Misc: \$0.00

Hazmat: \$0.00

Supplies: \$7.25

Tax: \$15.23

Invoice Total: \$269.12

Thank you for your business!

I hereby authorize the above repair work to be done along with the necessary material and hereby grant you and/or your employees permission to operate the car or truck herein described on streets, highways or elsewhere for the purpose of testing and/or inspection. An express mechanic's lien is hereby acknowledged on above car or truck to secure the amount of repairs thereto.

Authorized By \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Time \_\_\_\_\_

**Don's Auto Care Center, LLC**

14 North Road

East Windsor, CT 06088

Shop Phone: (860) 292-8917

Invoice

12075

Estimate Ref #60,838

Date Printed: 10/15/2008

Printed Time: 3:47 pm

Hat/Ref:

Don's Auto Care Center, LLC

Time Promised:

[REDACTED]

2003 MAZDA TRIBUTE LX V6 3.0L 2954CC FI GAS N

VIN: 4F2Y294163 [REDACTED]

BROAD BROOK, CT [REDACTED]

License [REDACTED]

Mileage In: 0

Date Written: 10/15/2008

Home: [REDACTED]

Unit #: [REDACTED]

Mileage Out: 29,670

Written By:

Cell: [REDACTED]

DOM: 08/02

Save Old Parts: No

| Job Name        | Description                                      | Technician | Qty  | List   | Extended |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------|------------|------|--------|----------|
| Job #1          | REPLACED ABS MODULE AND HAR..                    |            |      |        |          |
| Labor 1         | Work Requested - REPLACED ABS MODULE AND HARNESS |            |      |        | 222.00   |
| Part ECY167SH0  | HARNESS                                          |            | 1.00 | 44.71  | 44.71    |
| Part ECY26765XA | ABS CONTROL MODULE                               |            | 1.00 | 315.70 | 315.70   |
| Job Total:      |                                                  |            |      |        | 582.41   |

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DONSAUTOCARECENTER.COM

| Payment Date    | Type | Method | Amount |
|-----------------|------|--------|--------|
| Payment Totals: |      |        |        |

Parts: \$360.41

Labor: \$222.00

Sublet: \$0.00

Misc: \$0.00

Hazmat: \$0.00

Supplies: \$0.00

Tax: \$34.94

**Invoice Total: \$617.35**

Thank you for your business!

I hereby authorize the above repair work to be done along with the necessary material and hereby grant you and/or your employees permission to operate the car or truck herein described on streets, highways or elsewhere for the purpose of testing and/or inspection. An express mechanic's lien is hereby acknowledged on above car or truck to secure the amount of repairs thereto.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Time \_\_\_\_\_