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		Date Received MAY 04 2016 04-JAN-2016		Repository ☐ Reference No. 10817614	
OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)					
Name		[Redacted]			
Address		[Redacted]			
City		State		Zip Code	
BELLVILLE		IL		[Redacted]	
The information you provide will be used to identify potential safety-related defects. We may share your information with the applicable vehicle manufacturer during an investigation or recall in accordance with the routine uses described in the agency's Privacy Act notice. See 49 FR 53971 (Sep. 3, 2004).					
VEHICLE INFORMATION					
17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side		Make		Model	
JM1FE17N340 [Redacted] ✓		MAZDA		RX-8	
Model Year		Engine:		Fuel Type:	
2004		No: Cylinders		Prem	
Date Purchased		Dealer's Name and Telephone Number		Original Owner	
5/5/2004		LON F-H-52		[Redacted]	
Original Owner		Dealer's City		State	
[Redacted]		St. Louis, MO		Mo	
Transmission Type		Zip Code		Incident Date(s)	
6-speed MANUAL		63132		01-JAN-2014 & others	
☒ Antilock Brakes ☒ Cruise Control		1.3 Liter 2.3 8 HP RENESIS ROTARY ENGINE		Multiple Failure CONT. Fluids CAUSING it NOT TO START	
FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION					
Vehicle Component Code: ENGINE (PWS)				Failure Mileage	
				50000	
				Failure Speed	
				Fluids NOT START	
ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE					
Tire Make		Tire Model (Name or Number)		Tire Size (Example P215/65R15)	
N/A					
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:	
N/A					
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		Fire		Number of Persons Injured	
☐ Yes ☒ No		☐ Yes ☒ No		Number of Deaths	
				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 2004 MAZDA RX-8. THE CONTACT STATED THAT THE VEHICLE STALLED WITHOUT WARNING. THE VEHICLE WAS REPAIRED SEVERAL TIMES BUT THE FAILURE RECURRED. NO DETAILS OF THE REPAIRS WERE AVAILABLE. THE MANUFACTURER WAS MADE AWARE OF THE FAILURE. THE FAILURE MILEAGE WAS 50,000. <i>before APPROX.</i>					
<i>law suits in CALIFORNIA + I suppose other STATES.</i>					
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.					

Narrative Description of Incident(s), Failure(s), Crash(es), and Injury(ies)

this car has been in my garage for 2 1/2 years except
The five or so times it was driven, turned off, later
the car would not start when attempting to restart. Once it
at a busy intersection, very dangerous for all involved
but no one was hurt. Car towed when it would not start.
I bought this Mazda RX-8 with their rotary engine
for approx. \$30,000 expecting to drive it 150,000+ miles
without experiencing repairs based on their info provided
to me & other buyers. See buyers pamphlet, Mazda RX-8.
Attached (2 pages) ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY

I am still waiting for a recall notice I am suppose to
receive on air bags? However it would need to be towed.

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



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IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL

Driver Air Bag Inflator Interim Repair - Safety Recall 7914J
NHTSA Campaign No. 15V-345 & 15V-382

July 2015

This notice applies to your vehicle, VIN **JM1FE17N340** [REDACTED]

Dear Mazda Owner:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Mazda Motor Corporation has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in 2004-2008 RX-8, 2003-2008 Mazda6, and 2006-2007 Mazdaspeed6 vehicles.

If you are a recipient of this notice, your vehicle is included in this Safety Recall.

What is the problem?

In the subject vehicles, continued exposure to high levels of absolute humidity may cause the driver's front air bag inflator housing to build up excessive internal pressure over time. In the event of a crash necessitating deployment of the driver's side frontal air bag, the inflator could rupture, resulting in metal fragments striking the driver or other vehicle occupants, resulting in serious injury or death.

What will Mazda do?

Mazda is currently performing an interim repair for this recall. The interim repair parts contain new propellant materials that have not been exposed to high absolute humidity, believed to be a cause of the abnormal air bag deployment. Parts for the interim repair are not yet available. When they become available, we will notify you by mail to contact your dealer to have the interim repair performed free of charge.

Mazda is working with our suppliers to develop and manufacture a new design of inflator that will eventually be used as a permanent remedy. We expect that the permanent remedy parts may be available later this year. At that time Mazda will launch Safety Recall 8215F to perform the permanent repair and install the new design of inflator on your vehicle.

What should you do?

Please wait until you receive another letter from Mazda notifying you that replacement parts for the interim repair are available.

Where is the closest Mazda dealer?

To locate your nearest Mazda dealer, visit our web site and try our "Locate a Dealer" feature at www.MazdaUSA.com or consult your local yellow pages.

Moved or no longer own this vehicle?

If you have moved or no longer own your Mazda vehicle, please complete the enclosed prepaid *Information Change Card* as soon as possible. This enables us to update our records and notify the current owner.

Federal law requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

Still have questions?

If you have any questions regarding this campaign, please contact our Customer Experience Center at (800) 222-5500, option #6.

If Mazda or its dealers do not repair the defect free of charge and within a reasonable amount of time, you may notify the Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., Washington, DC 20590; or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

Your safety is our first priority at Mazda. Please accept our apology for any inconvenience this recall may have caused you.

Sincerely,

Mazda North American Operations

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Mazda Hit With Suit Over RX-8 Flooding Engines

By **Beth Winegarner**

Law360, San Francisco (April 17, 2014, 5:52 PM ET) -- [Mazda Motor of America Inc.](#) was hit with a proposed class action in California federal court Wednesday accusing the company of failing to honor customer warranties by not repairing flooded engines in RX-8s with a defect known for disabling the cars' ability to "zoom-zoom."

Plaintiff [REDACTED] says she purchased a used 2004 Mazda RX-8 that experienced the engine-flooding problem multiple times before the engine ultimately failed in July 2009, and flooded again in July 2010. Although Mazda paid for some of the repairs, it refused to pay for all the necessary fixes, even after it extended its warranty in response to the defect, which Mazda previously had disclosed, the lawsuit said.

After [REDACTED] RX-8 flooded in 2010, Mazda wouldn't pay for the spark plugs known to be part of the problem, although it did pay for new ignition coils under the warranty. She believes that of 69,249 warranty claims Mazda granted up to October, the company failed to replace or pay for spark plugs as part of the repair in 33,419 cases, the lawsuit said.

Because of Mazda's alleged misconduct, "plaintiff and the other owners and lessees of Class Vehicles have been harmed and have suffered actual damages," the complaint said. Those plaintiffs "have incurred, and will continue to incur out of pocket unreimbursed costs and expenses relating to the Engine Defect, or not be provided the full benefits of Mazda's extended engine core warranty, including being provided with new spark plugs as part of the repair."

[REDACTED] seeks to represent all California residents who bought a Mazda RX-8 between 2004 and 2008 that was manufactured, distributed and sold by Mazda Motor of America or any of its subsidiaries or affiliates, the complaint said. The suit estimates that at least 50,000 vehicles are within the class.

Those particular vehicles are vulnerable to engine flooding, or to having their spark plugs flooded with fuel. The problem is caused by a defect in the Mazda RX-8 rotary engines, and was the subject of a technical service bulletin Mazda issued in 2004, the complaint said.

"When the engine floods, it will not start. Costly repairs are then necessary in order to restore a class vehicle to operational condition," [REDACTED] lawsuit said.

The cars at issue initially came with a basic four-year, 50,000-mile warranty. After disclosing the defect, Mazda extended its warranty on the rotary engines to a five-year, 100,000-mile period. Despite that extension, Mazda has failed to repair all of the affected vehicles, or to pay for all of the repairs performed to fix defective engines, the complaint said.

[REDACTED] says Mazda's alleged actions violated the California Secret Warranty Law and California's unfair competition law and that the automaker breached its warranty with consumers.

Attorneys for [REDACTED] did not respond to a request for comment on the suit. A spokeswoman for Mazda declined to comment.

Mazda's American arm has faced class action suits over engine defects before. In March, a California federal judge tossed the remaining claims in a case claiming Mazda refused to repair a "crank no start" defect that could cause its RX-8 cars to stall, saying the plaintiff didn't show that Mazda was liable.

[REDACTED] is represented by Stephen M. Harris of Knapp Petersen & Clarke and attorney Robert L. Starr

Counsel information for Mazda was not available Thursday.

The case is [REDACTED] v. Mazda Motor of America, Inc., case number [REDACTED] in the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California.

Related Articles

- [Mazda Seeks Exit From RX-8 Flooded Engine Row](#)
- [Mazda Dodges RX-8 Flooded Engine Class Action](#)
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**RUT-25**

(R-8/02)

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- 3 Address [REDACTED]
- Number and street [REDACTED]
- City BELLEVILLE State IL ZIP [REDACTED] *X If outside city limits ☐ 7 SSN [REDACTED]
- 4 County St. Clair Township [REDACTED] 8 FEIN [REDACTED]

Section B: Complete the seller's or leasing company's information

- 1 Seller LOU FUSZ MOTOR COMPANY 1025 N LINDBERG ST LOUIS MO 63132 314 994-1500
- Name Number and street State ZIP Daytime phone number
- 2 Leasing company's Mailing address [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
- Number and street City State ZIP Daytime phone number

Section C: Describe the item (You must complete Lines 1, 2, 4, and 5. Complete Line 3, if applicable.)

- 1 Year 2004 Make MAZDA Model RX8 3 "X" If the item is leased ☐
- 2 Identification number (VIN) (HIN) (N) [REDACTED] 4 Purchase date 05/05/2004
- 5 Date brought into Illinois 06/01/2004

Section D: Is this transaction exempt from tax? (See instructions. If exempt, check only one box that applies to your transaction. Complete only Lines 1 and 2 in Section E, and sign this return in Section F.)

- 1 ☐ The purchase is exempt based on the tax-exempt status of the organization. See instructions. **E** Tax exemption number: [REDACTED]
- 2 ☐ The item is a farm implement or a ready-mix concrete truck.
- 3 ☐ The item is used as rolling stock. Write your Certificate of Authority number: [REDACTED]
- 4 ☐ You are in the business of renting autos or RV's and this purchase is for rental use. Your IBT no. is [REDACTED]
- 5 ☐ You are a retailer, and the item is for interim use. Your IBT no. is [REDACTED]
- 6 ☐ You were an out-of-state resident (individuals only) and used the item outside Illinois for at least three months. Leases do not apply.
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Section E: Figure your tax (Attach a copy of your bill of sale or proof of purchase.)

- 1 Purchase price (before trade-in, discount, or rebates) 29827.00 (Round to nearest dollar.)
- 2 Trade-in or discount N/A
- 3 Net purchase price. Subtract Line 2 from Line 1. 29827.00
- 4 Depreciation for out-of-state use. (See instructions.) N/A
- 5 Taxable amount. Subtract Line 4 from Line 3. 29827.00
- 6 Tax. Multiply Line 5 by the correct rate. For most addresses the rate will be 6.25% (.0625).
However, if the address in Section A is in Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, Madison, McHenry, St. Clair, or Will counties, see instructions for the correct rate. Write the correct tax rate here: 6.75
- 7 Credit for tax previously paid to 6.50 (See instructions.)
- 8 Tax due. Subtract Line 7 from Line 6. 1938.76
- 9 Penalty. (See instructions.) N/A
- 10 Interest. (See instructions.) N/A
- 11 Total amount due. Add Lines 8, 9, and 10. 1938.76

Section F: Sign here

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return and, to the best of my knowledge, it is true, correct, and complete.

Date 05/05/2004Date 05/05/2004

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Expiration Date: 8/30/2004

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Drivers License #: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

belleville, Illinois [REDACTED]

Name of Second Purchaser: None

Drivers License #: N/A

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VIN #: jm1fe17n340 [REDACTED]

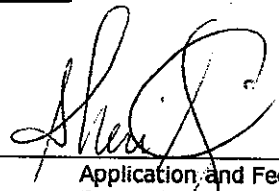
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Confirmation #: [REDACTED]

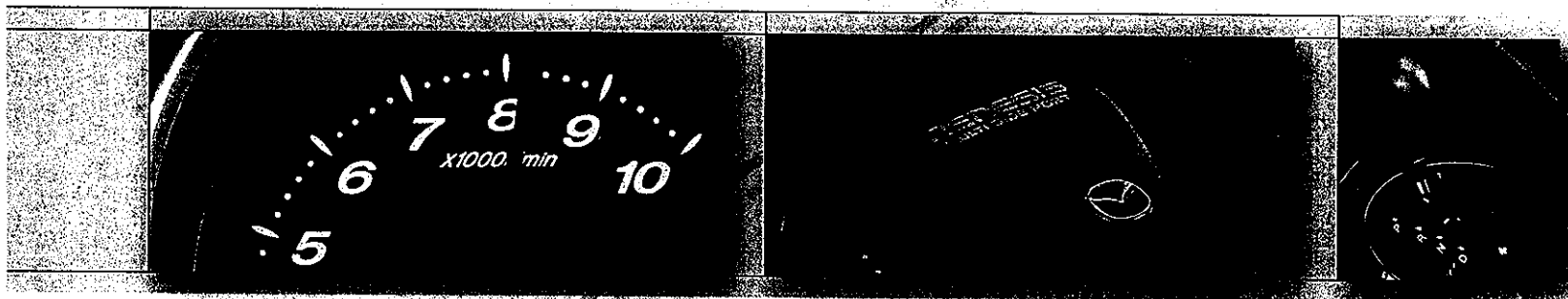

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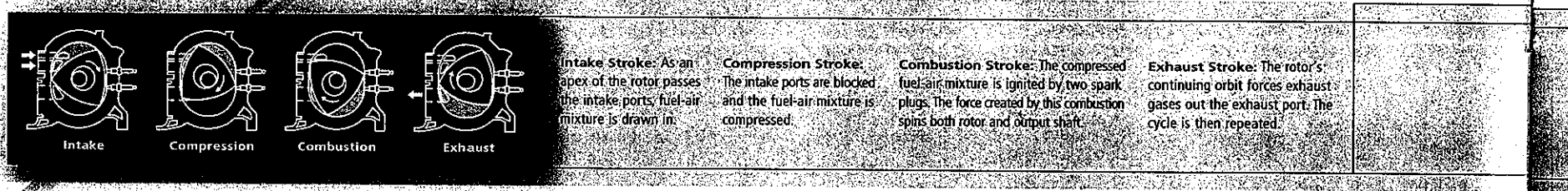
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ITS ADVANCED ROTARY ENGINE PUTS A WHOLE NEW SPIN ON PERFORMANCE.

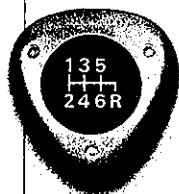
Coiled under the Mazda RX-8's weight-saving aluminum hood is an engine unlike any other—a painstakingly hand-assembled, remarkably responsive RENESIS rotary powerplant. It is an engine so advanced that it has no cylinders, pistons or valves. Just three major moving parts and an outrageously broad powerband. The rotary's compact size, light weight, reliability and power-to-weight ratio provide so many inherent advantages that the RX-8 was literally designed around it. From every angle—compared to an ordinary powerplant—a rotary is the ideal engine for a sports car. Better still, two distinct engine/transmission choices ensure the RX-8 is tailor-made to fit your driving style. For undiluted exhilaration, a high-revving 238-hp powerplant, with a stratospheric 9,000-rpm redline, is offered with a short-throw 6-speed manual gearbox. For both convenience and fun, a higher-torque 197-hp version, with a 7,500-rpm redline, is paired with a 4-speed Sport AT automatic.



UNLIKE A CONVENTIONAL PISTON ENGINE, the RX-8's rotary engine has no cylinders, pistons or valves. Instead, two triangular rotors spinning within their own oval housings—and around a common output shaft—are used to smoothly generate power. Each of the internal combustion engine's four basic cycles occurs in a different section of the oval housing.



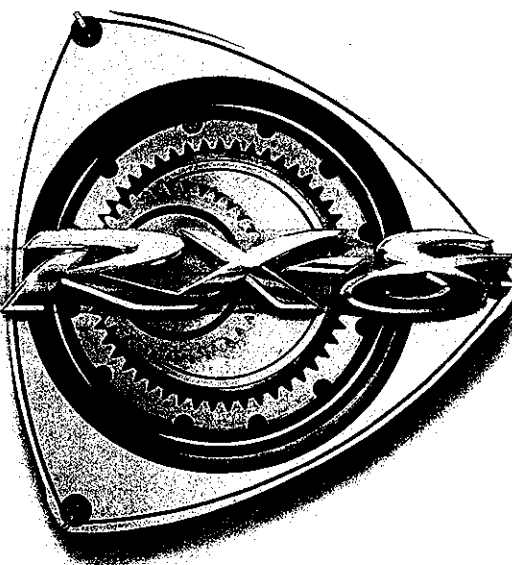
ROTARY-DRIVEN DESIGN:



The Mazda RX-8 wears its rotary heritage with genuine pride. In fact, both inside and outside the car, its designers have tastefully integrated the Mazda rotary engine icon into everything from the RX-8's aluminum hood and fascia panels to its seatbacks and manual shift knob. The icon is a badge of honor representing over four decades of continuous evolution and refinement. The eye-catching icon's three corners also symbolize the three key areas where the RX-8 excels: Design, Performance, and Innovation. For those who've driven an RX-8, it's also a reminder that the way you think about a sports car will never be the same.

ROTARY-DRIVEN PERFORMANCE:

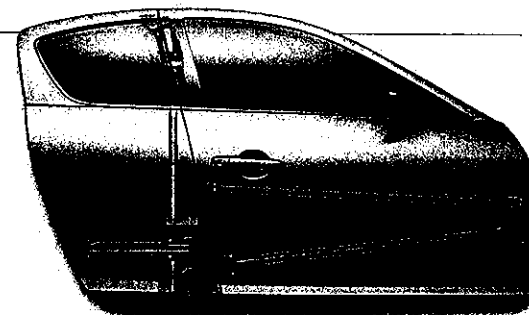
Mazda engineers have more practical experience with rotary engines than anyone else in the world. Fact is, the RX-8's advanced RENESIS rotary engine is the culmination of more than 40 years of extensive research, development, racing and refinement. Since 1961, Mazda



has designed and built more than 80 different rotary engines in 2-, 3-, and even 4-rotor configurations. For the record, Mazda has sold nearly 1.8 million rotary-powered vehicles worldwide, including three generations of the RX-8's immediate sports car predecessor, the legendary RX-7.

ROTARY-DRIVEN INNOVATION:

Mazda's ingenious RENESIS rotary engine has also inspired a host of other innovations in other areas of the RX-8's design. For example, in addition to the side reinforcement beams found in the front doors, the RX-8's "Freestyle" rear doors utilize vertical reinforcement beams with special top-and-bottom latch mechanisms to eliminate the need for conventional center pillars and provide excellent side-impact protection. Additional innovations include an advanced multilink rear suspension that's "pre-loaded" to minimize any lag in rear suspension response, plus an available Dynamic Stability Control (DSC) system with traction control to enhance performance, handling and safety under many driving conditions.



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