



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

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Terryville, CT [REDACTED]

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Ref. No. 11033884

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your correspondence concerning your model year (MY) 2004 Mazda RX-8. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) Office of Defects Investigation received your correspondence. I am pleased to respond.

NHTSA is the federal agency responsible for improving safety on our nation's highways. We are authorized to order manufacturers to recall and repair vehicles or motor vehicle equipment when our investigations indicate that they contain safety defects in their design, construction, or performance. We also monitor the completion rate and adequacy of manufacturers' recall campaigns.

The information you provided will be reviewed and entered into our database. Under our regular procedures, NHTSA staff may follow up and contact vehicle owners if we require additional information. Otherwise, your information will be considered with other reports to identify recall inadequacies or safety-related defect trends that require our attention. For your information, an explanation of NHTSA's investigation and recall process can be located on our website at www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/recallprocess.cfm.

If you need to determine whether your vehicle has been recalled, NHTSA's free VIN look-up tool (<https://vinrel.safercar.gov/vin/>), searches for open recalls via a direct connection to the manufacturer's database. The VIN can be found on the door label, insurance card, or lower left corner of your windshield. Then enter VIN into the VIN search box on our web site above. If you have any open recalls, you will know immediately. If you received a recall notification from a manufacturer alerting you that the repair has been delayed due to part availability issue and/or the finale remedy is still under development; we recommend that you contact the manufacturer or your local dealer for the latest status of the recall.

If your letter is requesting motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment information, we recommend that you visit our Internet website at www.nhtsa.gov. This site provides information concerning motor vehicle recalls, manufacturers' service bulletins, complaints from vehicle owners, etc. You may also contact our toll-free DOT Vehicle Safety Hotline at 888-327-4236.

If your letter concerns a service/repair problem, warranty or request for reimbursement, this type of complaint does not fall under our jurisdiction. If you have not done so, you may consider contacting your local Consumer Protection Agency or the Office of Attorney General in your state regarding your problem(s) or request. You have certain rights under your state's lemon law. You may also ask our dealership for a meeting with the manufacturer's district manager regarding your problem or request.

In addition, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has jurisdiction over non-safety defects, paint, fraud or deception, warranty and dealership problems, remuneration matters, and fair trade practices. There are three ways to contact the FTC: by toll free telephone at 877-382-4357; by mail at Federal Trade Commission, CRC-240, Washington, DC 20580; and by using the Internet complaint form at www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov.

You may consider contacting the Better Business Bureau (BBB) Auto Line. The BBB offers free mediation/arbitration to resolve warranty disputes under guidelines established by the FTC. Remedies include repair, reimbursement, repurchase or replacement, depending on program eligibility. You can visit their website at www.bbb.org to file a complaint and review eligibility information, or call the BBB Auto Line at, 800-955-5100.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Randy Reid".

Randy Reid, Chief
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