

November 11, 2010

**Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Administration
Attention: Early Warning Division (NVS-217)
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE.
Washington DC 20590**

RE: Saab Automobile AB Foreign Recall Report for certain 2011 model year Saab 9-5s as required by 49CFR Part 579.11

Saab Cars North America, Inc. hereby submits this foreign recall report on behalf of Saab Automobile AB.

Following is the information required by Part 579.12(a) – Contents of Report:

573.6(c)(1) Manufacturer's Name

Saab Automobile AB
S-461 80 Trollhättan
Sweden

573.6(c)(2) Vehicle population

Certain 2011 model year Saab 9-5 Sedans were equipped with a suspect drivers air bag assembly that may separate from the steering hub in a crash. The vehicle population subject to recall differs from the remaining Saab 9-5 population because of a change in the drivers air bag assembly causing the possible defect was limited to a time frame during Saab 9-5 production from September 3, 2010 to October 14, 2010.

The component initiating this recall is the drivers air bag assembly and is produced by Autoliv B.V. & Co. KG, Hansestraße 46, 38112 Braunschweig, Germany.

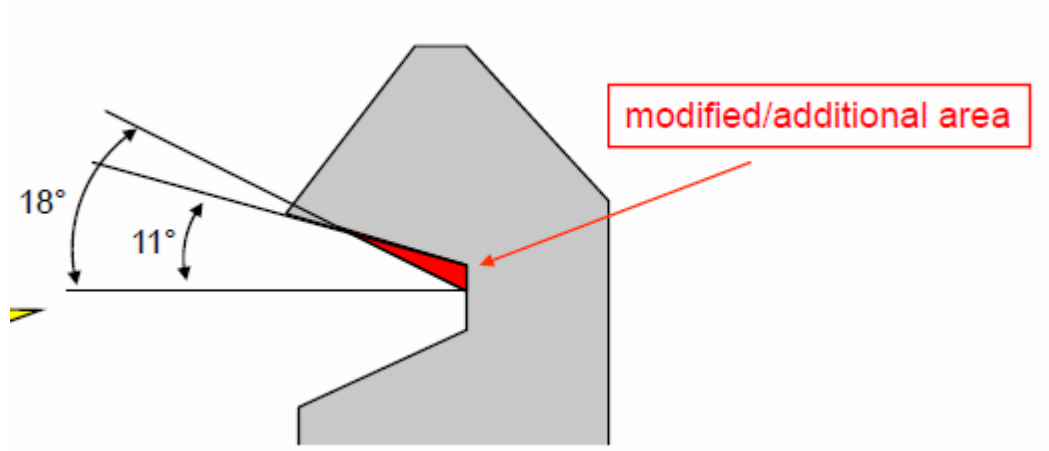
573.6(c)(3) Total Number of Vehicles

636 vehicles contained within the VIN range YS3G..... B4000587 - > B4002797

573.6(c)(5) Description of Defect

The driver airbag module may separate from of the steering wheel horn plate in the event of a deployment. This condition is due to a combination of two changes

introduced to improve a noise condition: 1.) An angle change of the airbag module locking pin [introduced in June 2010] and 2.) a horn plate modification [introduced in August 2010]. These modifications changed the interface angle of the hook between the airbag module and the horn plate as shown below in this cross sectional illustration.



Increasing this angle to reduce “rattle” noise had the unintended consequence of weakening the hold between the airbag module and the horn plate.

Following is the remaining information required by 579.12(a):

Countries in which this safety recall is being performed

Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Sweden, Spain, Switzerland, Taiwan, United Kingdom.

Recall Determination

The determination to make this safety recall was made by Saab Automobile AB

Remedy

The air bag module and horn plate will be replaced with the original design containing the smaller angle (11°) at the interface.

Decision date

The decision to conduct a safety recall for this condition was made on November 5, 2010.

Recall commencement date

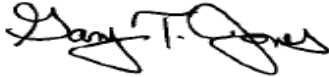
Vehicle owners are expected to be notified in December, 2010.

Substantially similar vehicles

The 2011 Saab 9-5 is sold in the United States. However, all US units with this condition were corrected before entering commerce.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary T. Jones". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "G" and "J".

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