



**Associate Administrator
for Enforcement**

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National Highway Traffic Administration
Attention Early Warning Division (NVS-217)
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: Maserati S.p.A. Foreign Recall Report for Certain Maserati 2017 Levante European Models

Maserati North America, Inc., on behalf of Maserati S.p.A. hereby submits the Foreign Recall report in accordance with 49 C.F.R. Part 579. Please note that this recall report involves vehicles only sold in Europe.

Part 573.6(c)(1) Manufacturer's Name:

Maserati S.p.A.
Viale Ciro Menotti
322 41100,
Modena, Italy

Part 573.6(c)(2) Vehicle Population:

Certain Maserati model year 2017 model Levante vehicles sold in Europe are involved. The component involved is the Autoliv AI2 Initiator.

Part 573.6(c)(3) Total Number of Vehicles:

89 Maserati model year 2017 Levante European vehicles are involved which were produced specifically on June to November 2016.

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Part 573.6(c)(5) Description of Defect

The defect applies to the Autoliv AI2 Inflator with production dates of 6/16/2016 through 11/04/2016. Under certain manufacturing conditions on two production lines, deviations can occur in the generant mix ratio in some initiators which are manufactured by an Autoliv Group company and supplied to other Autoliv Group companies for use in the manufacturing of airbag and seatbelt (pretensioner) products. The airbags and seatbelts which use these initiators have been supplied by Autoliv to multiple automaker customers. Please note that these were supplied to Maserati and installed on 89 European model 2017 Levante vehicles. If the generant mix ratio does not meet specification, the initiators may not properly function, and depending on application and use, may lead to a "no-deploy" condition in the event of a vehicle crash. The safety risk is: potential "no-deploy" of airbag or seatbelt pretensioner products in a crash. However, for seatbelts pretensioner products, this condition will not impact seatbelt compliance. Additionally, despite this condition, the primary seatbelt locking function (e.g. webbing sensor & car sensor) work properly,

Part 579.12(a)

Countries in which this safety recall is being performed:

Only Europe.

Recall Determination:

The following is as per Autoliv: All automaker customers have been informed and are investigating the performance of the products in their vehicles to determine whether the issue described above presents an issue which needs to be addressed in their application. If so, a replacement product will be provided by Autoliv and a recall plan will be developed and shared with NHTSA. The determination to make this safety recall was made by Maserati S.p.A., based on the fact that this potentially affected component was identified to be used on 89 European 2017 model year Levante vehicles.

Remedy:

The following is as per Autoliv: The remedy component will have correct ratio of generant mix.

Decision Date:

The decision to conduct a safety recall in Europe for this condition was made on December 6, 2016.

Recall Commencement Date:

The expected date for owner notification will be determined.

Substantially Similar Vehicles:

Based on NHTSA's definition, these vehicles are substantially similar to vehicles sold in the United States. However, this action only applies and identified to 89 European 2017 model year Levante vehicles.

If you have any questions for require additional information regarding this submission, please contact me directly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel Doku".

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