



July 16, 2018

Mr. Jeffrey Giuseppe  
Acting Associate Administrator for Enforcement  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NEF-100)  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

**Re.: Submission of Foreign Recall Campaign Report**

Dear Mr. Giuseppe:

This is to inform you that Mazda Motor Corporation decided to conduct a recall campaign in a foreign country on July 6, 2018. Mazda North American Operations (MNAO), on behalf of Mazda Motor Corporation of Hiroshima, Japan (Mazda), submits the following information concerning a foreign recall report as required in 49 CFR, Part 579.12.

If you have further questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'JK'.

Joshua Vella  
Senior Manager, Quality Office  
Mazda North American Operations

**Foreign Safety Recall / Other Safety Campaign Report**

**Subject:**

Rear liftgate stay damper quality issue

**Manufacturer Name:**

Mazda Motor Corporation

**Type of Action:**

Safety recall

**Potentially Affected Vehicles /Assembly plant / Production Period:**

Make/Model	MY	Production period
Mazda/Axela	2009-2013	4/7/2009-7/29/2013

**Number of affected vehicles:**

240 vehicles

**Market:**

Japan

**Estimated percentage of the affected vehicles that contain the subject condition:**

Unknown

**Description of the Defect:**

The liftgate stay dampers may corrode when exposed to salt water, due to improper coating of the outer tube of the damper end cap. Continued use over time can cause corrosion to advance, which leads to outer tube swelling and eventual end cap cracking. In the worst case, the outer tube may break. If the outer tube of the stay damper breaks off while the rear liftgate is open, the liftgate may close unexpectedly and/or the broken parts of the stay damper may contact the vehicle user, potentially causing injury.

**The number of reports of the condition:**

Alleged concerns: None

Alleged injuries: None

Alleged fatalities: None

**Program for Remediating the Defect:**

Owners will be notified of the defect and:

Dealerships will replace the driver and passenger side stay dampers with improved ones.

The remedy will be completed free of charge to customers.

Date Field Service Action will commence: July 13, 2018 (Japan time)

Determination to recall was made by Mazda Motor Corporation.

**Substantially Similar Vehicles in the U.S. and/or U.S. Territories:**

Model Year/Make/Model: 2009-2013 Mazda3

**Reason the Substantially Similar Vehicles in the U.S. are not affected by the Recall Campaign:**

NHTSA Recall Campaign 16V-644 has already been launched to address the defect in Substantially Similar Vehicles sold in the U.S. and U.S. territories.

**The foreign recall number assigned by Japan authority:**

No. 4297