

**2001 B-Series
TRW Seat Belt Buckle
[Recall #0401H]**

Dear Mazda Owner:

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

Mazda Motor Corporation has determined that a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists in some affected seat belt buckles in certain vehicles. If you are a recipient of this notice, your vehicle is included in this campaign.

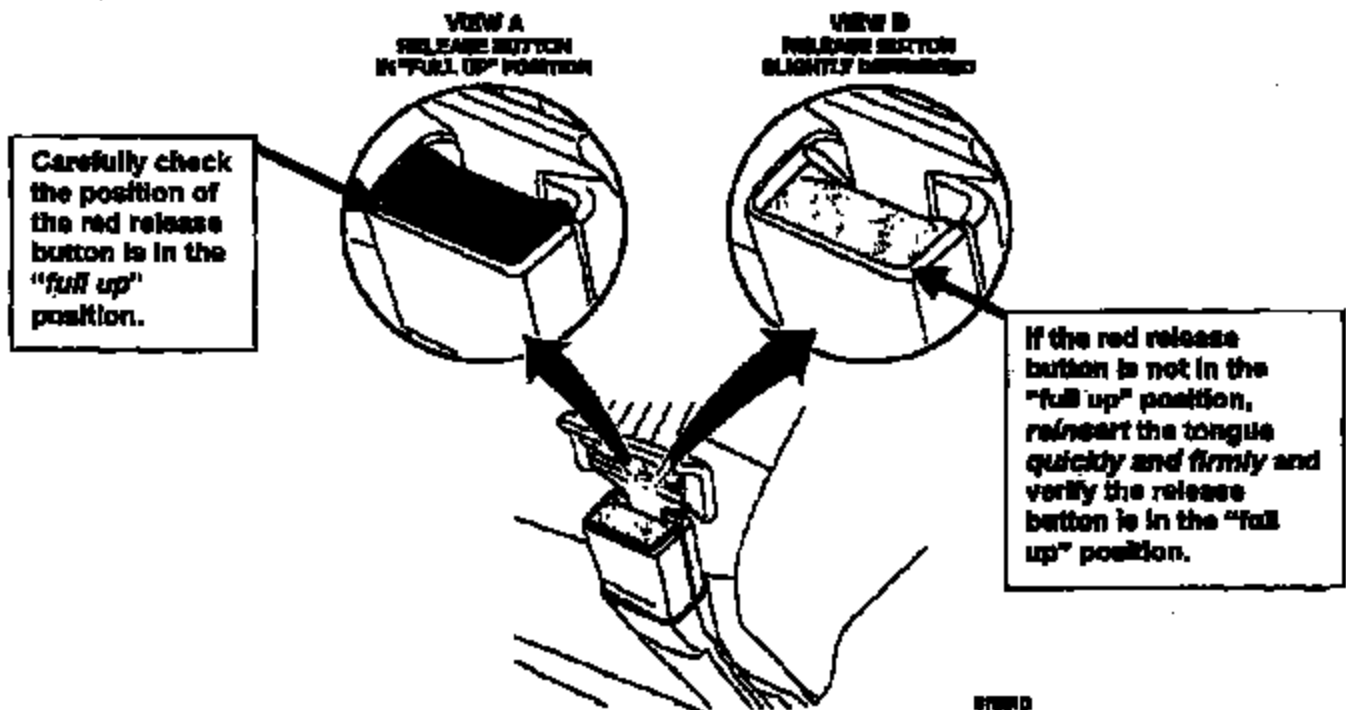
What is the problem?

In some 2001 B-Series trucks, it is possible that the driver's and/or front passenger's outboard seat belt buckles may not fully latch. In the event of an accident, the restraint system may not provide the designed level of occupant protection, increasing the risk of personal injury.

What does a properly latched seat belt buckle look like?

The *View A* illustration below shows the red seat belt buckle release button in both the "full up", or properly latched position and in *View B* a "slightly depressed" position. Notice: When properly latched, the red release button will return to the position it was in before the tongue was inserted into the seat belt buckle.

If your buckle release button looks like that shown in *View B*, the buckle is only partially latched. Remove the tongue from the buckle by pressing the red release button. After removal, reinsert the tongue quickly and firmly into the buckle. Be sure that the red release button is in the position shown in *View A* ("full up" position) after insertion.



What can I do now?

Always push the seat belt tongue into the buckle **"quickly" and "firmly"**. After the buckle is latched, inspect the red release button to be sure it has returned to the top of its travel (please refer to the illustration). If the red release button has not returned to the top of its travel, depress the red release button, and reinsert the tongue into the buckle quickly and firmly. If the seat belt buckle does not return to its full up position, the buckle may not be fully latched.

As Mazda is concerned about your safety, we would encourage you to make an appointment with any authorized Mazda dealer to have your vehicle inspected. You do not need to bring this notice to the dealer, but it may assist in the check-in process.

What will Mazda do?

Your Mazda dealer will inspect the driver's and front passenger's outboard seat belt buckles and, if necessary, replace the buckles free of charge. If your vehicle is inspected and does not need a seat belt buckle replacement, the inspection should take less than ½ hour. If a replacement is needed, the length of time required to perform this service is less than ½ day, however it may take longer depending on the schedule of your dealer's service department.

Where is the closest Mazda dealer?

To locate your nearest Mazda dealer, visit our web site and try our on-line dealer locator at www.mazdausa.com/dealers or consult your local yellow pages.

Moved or no longer own this vehicle?

If you have moved or no longer own your Mazda vehicle, it is customary for the current owner of record to be responsible for completing the enclosed "Change of Address/Ownership" prepaid postcard, so that we may update our records. Your cooperation and timely response would be greatly appreciated.

If you are the lessor of a subject Mazda vehicle, we strongly encourage you to forward this recall notification to the lessee, as it is critical that the current driver of the vehicle is notified of the recall program.

Still have questions?

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

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, Washington, D.C. 20590. You may also call their toll-free Auto Safety Hotline at (888) 327-4236.

Your safety is a priority for Mazda. We actively work to improve our products and search for solutions to improve your ownership experience. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience this program may have caused you.

Sincerely,

Mazda North American Operations