

Mazda North American Operations



TO: All Mazda Dealership General Managers, Service Managers, and Parts Managers

DATE: January 2005

SUBJECT: 2002-2004 Tribute Accelerator Cable Recall 2704L

Mazda Motor Corporation has decided that a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists in certain 2002-2004 Tribute vehicles produced from May 30, 2001 through December 19, 2003.

On certain 2002-2004 Tribute vehicles equipped with 3.0L engines, the accelerator cable may prevent the throttle from returning to the idle position, possibly resulting in elevated engine speeds while driving. An unexpected increase in engine idle speed may increase stopping distance and may result in a vehicle crash without warning.

Owners of affected vehicles will be notified by first class mail beginning January 28, 2005.

This package contains important information about recall campaign 2704L:

Attachment I Dealer Service and Parts information
Attachment II Inspection and Repair procedures
Attachment III Owner Notification Letter
Dealer Report

The National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act prohibits the delivery of any subject vehicles without performing the necessary repair for defects or failures. Failure to perform applicable recalls before sale can result in extensive dealer fines and penalties from the Federal Government. Therefore, you must complete this recall for all affected new vehicles in your inventory prior to delivery.

To help you effectively perform this recall, Mazda has developed the following resources:

1. Service and Parts recall instructions follow (Attachment I), were e-mailed to your Service Department, and are also available on eMDCS and the ESI website.
2. Inspection and repair procedures follow (Attachment II), and are also available on the ESI website.
3. We recommend using the enclosed report of registered owners in the dealer's area to encourage customers to come in for the recall (with recall reminder postcards). Dealers may use such owner information for the sole purpose of conducting and performing this safety recall, and for no other purpose. **Using it for marketing activities is strictly prohibited and could subject**

your dealership to serious fines. The information in this report is protected by state privacy and other applicable laws regarding disclosure of personal and/or confidential, restricted or blocked information. It is the dealer's responsibility to protect the confidentiality of owner records and prevent the release of information to other parties.

In California, privacy laws prevent the release of names and addresses on this report.

4. For technical assistance, call the Technical Assistance Hotline at (888) 832-8477.
5. For warranty questions, contact the Corporate Dealer Assistance Group at (877) 727-6626.

Please make certain that the appropriate personnel in your dealership are aware of these resources and are familiar with the details of this recall before responding to customer inquiries.

We apologize for any inconvenience this program may cause you and your customers. Please keep in mind that owners of 2001 and newer models are eligible to receive a rental car at no charge. Your understanding and support in carrying out this campaign is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Michael J. Giblin
Director, Technical Services
Mazda North American Operations

ATTACHMENT I – DEALER INFORMATION

CONDITION OF CONCERN

On certain 2002-2004 Tribute vehicles equipped with 3.0-liter engines, the accelerator cable may prevent the throttle from returning to the idle position, possibly resulting in elevated engine speeds while driving. An unexpected increase in engine idle speed may increase stopping distance and may result in a vehicle crash without warning.

SUBJECT VEHICLES

Model	VIN Range	Build Date Range
2002-2004 Tribute 3.0L engine	4F2*U**1*2KM00001-M66656 4F2*Z**1*3KM00001-M56713 4F2*Z**1*4KM00004-M34822	May 30, 2001 through December 19, 2003

Note: The asterisk symbol "*" can be any letter or number.

OWNER NOTIFICATION

Mazda will notify U.S. owners by first class mail beginning January 28, 2005.

PARTS INFORMATION

Description	Part Number	Quantity	
Accelerator Cable	EC05-41-660F	1	
Authorized Modification Label	9999-95-065A-00	1=sheet of 18 labels	Mstore (no charge)

PARTS ORDERING

Dealers will automatically receive a quantity of Accelerator Cables based on the number of 2002-2004 Tribute vehicles registered in the dealer's vicinity. Parts shipments will begin 1/19/05 and will arrive on dealers' next stock order. Dealers will receive Accelerator Cables by 1/28/05

If dealers need additional Accelerator Cables after receiving the initial parts shipment, they can be ordered through the normal eMDCS parts order method after 1/29/05. **NOTE: To assure all dealers can get parts when needed, we may require an IPFAX form in the future if PDC inventory becomes low.**

Existing Service Parts Inventory

Please return any inventory you have of EC05-41-660, EC05-41-660D and EC05-41-660E on your next obsolescence return and you will receive credit on your next parts statement. The return of these parts will not go against your obsolescence accrual.

Use MStore to order additional Campaign labels (1=sheet of 18 labels).

WARRANTY CLAIM PROCESSING INFORMATION

Warranty Type Code	R
Symptom Code	99
Damage Code	99
Process Number	J0501A
Part Number Main Cause	EC05-41-660F
Quantity	1
Labor Operation Code	YY373XRX
Labor Hours	0.4

RENTAL CAR

A rental car may be provided to the customer if eligible based on the terms and conditions of the Rental Car Reimbursement Program, policy 12.0. Rental car reimbursements are available only on 2001 and newer vehicles within the mileage and time limitations under the New Vehicle Limited Warranty. If the customer was placed in a rental car while the campaign was being completed and the vehicle is not within the mileage and time limitations, you must obtain authorization for the rental. Submit a separate **claim/problem** using the standard rental claim information.

Warranty Type Code	A
Symptom Code	99
Damage Code	99
Part Number Main Cause	5555-RE-NTAL
Part Quantity	0
Labor Operation Code	MM012XRX
Labor Hours	0.0
Sublet – Rental Car	
Sublet Invoice Number	Number from Rental Invoice or Dealer Purchase Order
Sublet Type Code	Enter "L"
Sublet Amount	Up to \$26.00 per day for the number of days customer had rental car

Rental expenses that exceed the two-day limit will require prior DCSM Authorization, as outlined in the Rental Car Reimbursement Program policy.

VERIFY THE VEHICLE NEEDS THE RECALL

1. Verify the vehicle is within the following ranges:

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If the vehicle is within the above ranges, go to step 2.

If vehicle is not within the above range, return it to inventory or the customer.

2. Perform a Warranty Vehicle Inquiry using your eMDCS System and inspect vehicle for an Authorized Modification Label RECALL 2704L attached to the vehicle's bulkhead.

eMDCS System - Vehicle Status Inquiry Results

If eMDCS displays:	Campaign Label is:	Action to perform:
RECALL 2704L	Present	Contact the Mazda Corporate Dealer Assistance Group at (877) 727-6626 to update vehicle history
	Not present	Proceed to " B. REPAIR PROCEDURE"
RECALL 2704L CLOSED	Present	Return vehicle to inventory or customer
	Not present	Complete a label and apply to vehicle's hood or bulkhead
RECALL 2704L is not displayed	Does not apply	SSP does not apply to this vehicle. Return vehicle to inventory or customer

Note: Verify the recall number as the vehicle may have multiple labels.

REPAIR PROCEDURES

Please refer to Attachment II.

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January 2005

2002-2004 Tribute Accelerator Cable Recall 2704L

Dear Mazda Owner:

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

Mazda Motor Corporation has decided that a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists in certain 2002-2004 Tribute vehicles. **If you are a recipient of this notice, your vehicle is included in this recall.**

What is the problem?

On certain 2002-2004 model year Tribute vehicles equipped with 3.0-liter engines, the accelerator cable may prevent the throttle from returning to the idle position, possibly resulting in elevated engine speeds while driving. An unexpected increase in engine idle speed may increase stopping distance and may result in a vehicle crash without warning.

What will Mazda do?

Your Mazda dealer will inspect the accelerator cable, and if necessary, replace it **free of charge**. The repair should take approximately one-half day to complete. However, it may take longer depending on the service workload at your Mazda dealership.

As a reminder, the Mazda Driver's Assurance Plan may provide alternate transportation when your vehicle is at an authorized Mazda dealership for a warranty repair. To be eligible for alternate transportation, your vehicle must be a 2001 or newer and within the mileage and time limitations under the Mazda New Vehicle Limited Warranty and adhere to the Rental Car Reimbursement policy. Ask your dealer for details about the Mazda Rental Car Reimbursement Program.

What should you do?

Mazda is concerned about your safety, and we encourage you to make an appointment with any authorized Mazda dealer to have the accelerator cable inspected and replaced, if necessary, as soon as possible. You do not need to bring this notice to the dealer, but it may assist in the check-in process.

What if you have already paid for a replacement accelerator cable?

If you have already paid for the inspection or replacement of the accelerator cable due to a defect, you may be eligible for reimbursement of reasonable repair expenses based on Mazda's repair standards. Please complete the enclosed "Reimbursement Application Form," including the necessary documentation, and mail it to us in the pre-addressed envelope provided, allowing 6-8 weeks for processing.

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Where is the closest Mazda dealer?

To locate your nearest Mazda dealer, visit our web site and try our "Locate a Dealer" feature at www.MazdaUSA.com or consult your local yellow pages.

Moved or no longer own this vehicle?

If you have moved or no longer own your Tribute, please complete the enclosed prepaid *Information Change Card* as soon as possible. This enables us to update our records and notify the current owner.

Federal law requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

Still have questions?

If you have any questions regarding this campaign, please contact our Customer Assistance Center at (800) 222-5500, option #4.

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, 400 Seventh Avenue, SW, 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,

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