



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

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MR. WALTER J. LEWIS
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PORSCHE CARS NORTH AMERICA, INC.
980 HAMMOND DRIVE, SUITE 1000
ALTANTA, GA 30328

NVS-215paw
07V-557

**Subject: DEFECTIVE SWITCH CONSOLE FOR ACTIVE SUSPENSION
MANAGEMENT AND TRACTION CONTROL-OFF**

Dear MR. LEWIS:

This letter serves to acknowledge Porsche Cars North America, Inc.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety defect in the products described below, for which a safety recall campaign shall be conducted pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30119.

Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

PORSCHE/911 GT3/2008
PORSCHE/911 GT3RS/2008

NHTSA Campaign Number: 07V-557

Mfg's Report Date: December 4, 2007

Components: ELECTRICAL SYSTEM: INSTRUMENT PANEL

Potential Number of Units Affected: 37

Summary:

ON CERTAIN 2 DOOR COUPE VEHICLES, THE SWITCH CONSOLE FOR THE PORSCHE ACTIVE SUSPENSION MANAGEMENT (PASM) AND THE TRACTION CONTROL (TC-OFF) SWITCHES WAS INAPPROPRIATELY INSTALLED. THE LEDS IN THE SWITCHES CAN SIGNAL A FUNCTIONAL CHANGE IN THE PASM MODE OR THE DEACTIVATION OF TRACTION CONTROL EVEN THOUGH THE SWITCHES ARE NOT ACTUATED.

Consequence:

IF THE TRACTION CONTROL OR ACTIVE STABILITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM ARE INADVERTENTLY DISABLED, AND THE SUBSEQUENT WARNING LAMP ILLUMINATION IN THE INSTRUMENT PANEL ONBOARD COMPUTER IS UNNOTICED BY THE DRIVER, THE SAFETY BENEFITS OF THESE SYSTEMS WOULD BE UNAVAILABLE TO THE DRIVER WHICH COULD INCREASE THE POSSIBILITY OF A CRASH DURING AGGRESSIVE DRIVING MANEUVERS.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE SWITCH CONSOLE FREE OF CHARGE. THE MANUFACTURER HAS NOT YET PROVIDED AN OWNER NOTIFICATION SCHEDULE FOR THIS CAMPAIGN. OWNERS MAY CONTACT PORSCHE AT 1-800-767-7243.

Notes:

PORSCHE RECALL NO. A802. CUSTOMERS MAY ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

We have reviewed your proposed owner letter and it does not meet all the requirements of Part 577:

Please describe the danger resulting from deactivation of the Traction Control on the owner letter, i.e, "Deactivation of the traction control could result in a loss of vehicle control which could result in a crash."

Please revise your owner letters to include the following updated NHTSA hotline information: "...the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590; or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>."

Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at Patricia.wallace@dot.gov, Delia.lopez@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Person", with a stylized flourish at the end.

George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement