



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

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NVS-215dgl
08V-396

SUBJECT: REAR SAFETY BELT D-RING ROTATION

DEAR MR. VONDALE:

This letter serves to acknowledge Jaguar Cars Ltd.'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:

JAGUAR/XF/2009

NHTSA Campaign Number: 08V-396

Mfg's Report Date: August 1, 2008

Components: SEAT BELTS: REAR

Potential Number of Units Affected: 7,918

Summary:

JAGUAR IS RECALLING 7,918 MY 2009 XF VEHICLES. THE REAR SAFETY BELT D-RING ASSEMBLY MAY NOT ROTATE PROPERLY AROUND THE SAFETY BELT ANCHORAGE MOUNTING BOLT. IF THE ASSEMBLY IS NOT HELD TOGETHER WHEN TIGHTENING, THE D-RING AND/OR WASHER CAN SEPARATE FROM THE SHOULDER OF THE SPACER, ALLOWING THESE PARTS TO BE PARTIALLY CLAMPED BY THE SPACER, FORMING A BURR ON EITHER THE D-RING OR THE WASHER AND SUBSEQUENTLY LIMITING PROPER ROTATION OF THE D-RING.

Consequence:

IN THE EVENT OF A CRASH, A SEAT OCCUPANT MAY NOT BE PROPERLY RESTRAINED INCREASING THE RISK OF PERSONAL INJURY.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSPECT THE OUTBOARD REAR SAFETY BELT D-RING AND IF NECESSARY THE D-RING ASSEMBLY WILL BE REMOVED AND ANY BURRS ON THE D-RING OR WASHER FILED FLAT. THE D-RING ASSEMBLY WILL THEN BE REINSTALLED TO CORRECT THE CONDITION. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 25, 2008. OWNERS MAY CONTACT JAGUAR AT 1-800-452-4827.

Notes:

JAGUAR RECALL NO. J007. 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).

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

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,



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