

July 2009

2007-2008 MAZDA6 Metal Fuel Tank Coating Voluntary Safety and Emission Recall 5008H SECOND NOTIFICATION

Dear Mazda Owner:

This second notification is being sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Highway Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. A first notice was sent in August 2008.

According to our records, as of July 10, 2009 your vehicle has not had the necessary recall repair completed. There is a possibility that certain Mazda6 vehicles built with metal fuel tanks from July 2007 through January 2008 may have had the PVC protective coating on the outside of the fuel tank damaged during the assembly process which may result in reduced corrosion resistance during the service life of the vehicle. It may lead to perforation of the fuel tank, causing fuel leakage. Fuel leakage in sufficient quantity in the presence of an ignition source could potentially result in a vehicle fire.

Your Mazda dealer will inspect the bottom surface of the fuel tank for damage to the protective coating, and if necessary, repair the coating or replace the fuel tank **free of charge**. The inspection and repair may take approximately 1 hour to complete, however, it may take longer depending on the service workload at your Mazda dealership.

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

If you have moved or no longer own your Mazda vehicle, 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.

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, 1200 New Jersey Ave., 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*.

We actively work to improve our products and search for solutions to improve your ownership experience. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience this recall may have caused you.

Sincerely,

Mazda North American Operations

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

DATE: July 2009

SUBJECT: 2007-2008 MAZDA6 Metal Fuel Tank Coating Voluntary Safety and Emission Recall 5008H – SECOND NOTIFICATION

Dear Mazda Dealer:

Mazda Motor Corporation has decided to renotify customers that have not responded to the 2007-2008 Mazda6 Metal Fuel Tank Coating Voluntary Safety and Emission Recall 5008H. Owners of subject vehicles will be asked to return their vehicles to a Mazda dealer to complete the recall repair. The renotification letters will be mailed to the owners on July 29, 2009.

Mazda Motor Corporation has determined that a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists on certain 2007-2008 Mazda6 vehicles with California emission specifications.

Subject Mazda6 vehicles built with metal fuel tanks from July 2007 through January 2008 may have had the PVC protective coating on the outside of the fuel tank damaged during the assembly process which may result in reduced corrosion resistance during the service life of the vehicle. It may lead to perforation of the fuel tank, causing fuel leakage. Fuel leakage in sufficient quantity in the presence of an ignition source could potentially result in a vehicle fire.

Attached is the second notification letter to be mailed to customers on July 29, 2009.

Please refer to MS3 or eMDCS for Repair Procedure and other campaign information.

Important Emission Notice: California Department of Motor Vehicles, Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles, and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in conjunction with the California Air Resources Board and the Environmental Protection Agency for the State of Massachusetts and Vermont, have implemented the Registration Renewal/Recall Tie-In Program, which requires the completion of Emission Recalls prior to registration renewal. Mazda dealers must provide customers a *Vehicle Emission Recall – Proof of Correction Certificate* upon completion of the recall. Instruct customers to keep the certificate until needed for registration renewal.

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

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

- 1. Service and Parts recall instructions are available on eMDCS and the MS3 (Mazda Service Support System) websites.
- 2. Inspection and repair procedures are also available on eMDCS and the MS3 (Mazda Service Support System) websites.
- 3. We recommend using the Recall Reminder report available in Web Reporting to encourage customers to come in for the recall (with recall reminder postcards, for example). Dealers may use such owner information for the sole purpose of conducting and performing this recall, and for no other purpose. Using it for marketing activities is strictly prohibited and could subject your dealership to substantial fines and other penalties. 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.
- 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 (select option 3).

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. If you have any questions, please contact your region manager or DSM.

We apologize for any inconvenience this recall may cause you and your customers. Your understanding and support in carrying out this campaign are greatly appreciated.

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