



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

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MR. STEPHEN WORRALL
FIXED OPERATIONS MANAGER
BENTLEY MOTORS, INC.
3800 HAMLIN ROAD
AUBURN HILLS MI 48326

NVS-215dgl
09V-037

Subject: SEAT BELT GUIDE BRACKET

Dear MR. WORRALL:

This letter serves to acknowledge Bentley Motors 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:

BENTLEY/CONTINENTAL FLYING SPUR/2009
BENTLEY/CONTINENTAL FS SPEED/2009

NHTSA Campaign Number: 09V-037

Mfg's Report Date: January 20, 2009

Components: SEAT BELTS: REAR

Potential Number of Units Affected: 27

Summary:

BENTLEY IS RECALLING 27 MY 2009 CONTINENTAL FLYING SPUR AND CONTINENTAL FLYING SPUR SPEED VEHICLES. THERE IS THE POTENTIAL FOR THE CENTRE REAR SEAT BELT UPPER GUIDE BRACKET TO DISTORT IN THE EVENT OF A FRONTAL IMPACT. THIS DISTORTION COULD RESULT IN THE CENTER REAR SEAT OCCUPANT TRAVELING FURTHER FORWARDS THAN THE DESIGN INTENDS.

Consequence:

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

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE SEAT BELT GUIDE BRACKET FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 30, 2009. OWNERS MAY CONTACT BENTLEY AT 1-617-488-8500.

Notes:

BENTLEY RECALL NO. RE09/01. 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:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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 Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-9525 or by email at 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