



AMERICAN SUZUKI MOTOR CORPORATION

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Daniel C. Smith
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Mr. Smith:

The following information is submitted in accordance with the noncompliance reporting regulations in Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 573.

1. Name of Manufacturer and Importers

Manufacturer: Suzuki Motor Corporation ("SMC")
Importers:

Continental U.S. - American Suzuki Motor Corp. ("ASMC")
Hawaii - Servco Pacific, Inc.
Puerto Rico - Suzuki Del Caribe, Inc.

2. Identification of Motor Vehicles Involved

Affected vehicles are all 2010 model year Suzuki Kizashi passenger vehicles. Affected vehicles were produced from October 13, 2009 to May 31, 2010.

The reported condition involves the hinged door of the center lower box located in the front dashboard area. This part (part number 73890-57L00) is manufactured by:

TOYODA GOSEI CO., LTD.
1 Haruhinagahata Kiyosu, Aichi, Japan
Telephone: +81-52-400-1055

3. Total Number of Motor Vehicles Involved

5,107

4. Percentage of Motor Vehicles Estimated to Contain the Noncompliance

100%

5. Description of Noncompliance

Affected vehicles may fail to conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 201, *Occupant protection in interior impact*. The instrument panel center lower box door may not remain closed when tested as specified in S5.3 and S5.3.1 of FMVSS 201.

6. Basis for Noncompliance Determination

In August 2009, SMC received a compliance report from the center lower box supplier, indicating that the center lower box door complied with FMVSS 201 requirements applicable to interior compartment doors. In May 2010, in response to requests from SMC for information concerning the center lower box door counter-lock mechanism, the part supplier informed SMC that it had discovered that its original compliance determination was based on a miscalculation. Based on this information, SMC initiated a compliance validation investigation. On June 21, 2010, SMC determined that affected vehicles may fail to conform to the FMVSS 201 requirements applicable to interior compartment doors.

7. Description of Corrective Action

Suzuki distributors will conduct a safety recall campaign to replace the instrument panel center lower box of affected vehicles with a new part. American Suzuki Motor Corporation is planning to notify dealers about the recall on July 2, 2010, and currently expects to notify owners about the recall on July 9, 2010. We expect that other Suzuki distributors will follow a similar schedule.

Since the cost of any pre-notification repairs would have been covered under warranty, ASMC understands that it is not necessary to specify a reimbursement plan or notify owners about eligibility for reimbursement of the cost of pre-notification repairs.

8. Copy of Notices

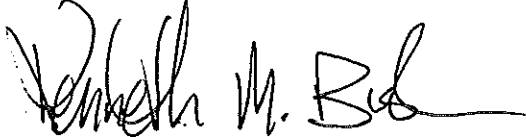
Attached is a copy of the initial notification letter that SMC sent to ASMC, a copy of the initial notification that ASMC provided electronically to all Suzuki automotive dealers in the mainland U.S., and a copy of ASMC's draft owner notification letter for the recall campaign that will be conducted. Copies of other notices will be provided when they have been finalized.

9. Suzuki Campaign Number

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Sincerely,

AMERICAN SUZUKI MOTOR CORPORATION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kenneth M. Bush". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Kenneth M. Bush
Associate Director, Government Relations