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Service Manager

Replacement of front seat belts, Saab 9-3 MY 04

Saab Automobile AB has decided to initiate a Product Safety Recall regarding 16.297 MY 04 Saab 9-3 originally retailed in the markets below.

The purpose of this recall is to pro-actively replace the driver's side seat belt and offer a 10 years/120.000 miles coverage for the passenger's side seat belt.

Vehicles concerned

16.297 MY 04 Saab 9-3 4d within VIN interval 41016380–41058122.

Country	Volume
Canada	665
IDS	139
Mexico	521
USA	14972

Measures to be taken

Vehicles in stock shall be updated prior to customer delivery. Owners of delivered vehicles shall be informed personally about this recall. An owner notification proposal is enclosed.

Description of the condition / remedy of the condition

It has been established that the breakpoint for Product Safety Recall I5017 launched in 2004 has not been sufficient, resulting in ATS (Automatic Tensioning System) wire fractures in vehicles not affected by the original recall. This is experienced by the webbing spooling out and not retracting. The condition would be obvious to the driver, but in the event of a vehicle crash, the functionality of the seat belt will be compromised.

The driver's side seat belt should be pro-actively replaced according to MI 853-2727.

The passenger's side seat belt should not be replaced pro-actively but is instead covered by a 10 years/120.000 miles policy explained in MI 853-2729.

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PRO-ACTIVE (MI 853-2727)

Replacement of driver's side seat belt (incl. insp.)	
	US
Object code	1502601
Failure code	74
Location code	3
Warranty code	05
Remedy code	01
Recall act. code	3
Labor time	0.6 h

Inspection of driver's side seat belt (seat belt OK)	
	US
Object code	1502602
Failure code	74
Location code	3
Warranty code	05
Remedy code	08
Recall act. code	I
Labor time	0.3 h

RE-ACTIVE (MI 853-2729)

Replacement of passenger's side seat belt (incl. insp.)	
	US
Object code	1591801
Failure code	74
Location code	04
Warranty code	33
Remedy code	01
Labor time	0.6 h

Inspection of passenger's side seat belt (seat belt OK)	
	US
Object code	1591802
Failure code	74
Location code	04
Warranty code	33
Remedy code	01
Labor time	0.3 h

The labor time includes 0.2 h to cover administrative costs.

Start date: 26 April 2010

End date: No limit

Information to media / press

Saab Automobile AB does not intend to make this recall public through media.

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Yours sincerely,



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Enclosures

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Owner notification proposal (not country specific)

Dear Saab owner,

Saab Automobile AB has decided that a defect that relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2004 Saab 9-3 models. Our records indicate that you are the current owner or driver of a Saab 9-3 that may be subject to this condition.

It has been found that some driver's side front seat belt automatic tensioning systems may fail to operate. This condition will cause the seat belt to spool out resulting in a loss of restraining capability. If this occurs, it will become obvious to the seat occupant immediately. If you were involved in a crash with a seat belt in this condition, the result could be an increased likelihood of injury to the driver. The enclosed attachment contains a description of this condition and an explanation of the recall service that will be performed by your Saab dealer to correct it.

The passenger's side seat belt will not be replaced as part of this recall. However, it will be covered by a 10 year replacement policy. This means that if this condition should arise on the passenger side seat belt, it will be replaced free of charge during this period. The 10 year period starts from the original new vehicle sales date.

We urge you to make an appointment with your Saab dealer as soon as possible. All Saab dealers have received the recall service information needed to rectify your vehicle. The work covered by this recall will be performed free of charge to you.

Saab appreciates your cooperation and understanding regarding this recall. We will do our best, along with your dealer to minimize the inconvenience.

Sincerely,

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Owner information attachment

What is the defect?

Saab has found that in some vehicles the front seat belt retractor mechanism may fail to operate. The retractor wire inside the seat belt automatic retracting mechanism may break over time. If the retracting wire breaks, the seat belt will spool out, but will not retract. If this occurs it will be very obvious to the seat occupant as the belt will remain spooled out and will not pull back against the occupant's body.

What are the safety risks?

If this defect occurs, the seat belt will fail to operate and will not perform as designed. In the event of a crash, the seat belt will not restrain the occupant properly and may result in an increased chance of injury or death.

What is Saab Automobile AB going to do?

Saab Automobile AB has made arrangements with its authorized Saab dealers to replace your driver's side front seat belt with a new assembly. While it will only take about an hour to have the seat belt replaced, the dealership may need to keep your car for a longer time depending on the current workload of their service department.

We urge you to make an appointment with your Saab dealer as soon as possible. Please bring this letter with you on the day of your appointment.

There is no charge for this recall or for any assistance in completing this work from either Saab or Saab dealers.

IMPORTANT NOTE: *The passenger's side seat belt will not be replaced under this recall, but is instead covered by a 10 year replacement policy. If this condition should arise on the passenger side seat belt, it will be replaced free of charge during this policy period. The 10 year period starts from the original new vehicle sales date.*