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Mr. Daniel C. Smith
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE – Room W45-306
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Mr. Smith:

Pursuant to the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966 and as the agent of Saab Automobile AB, Saab Cars North America, Inc. informs you of a determination by Saab Automobile AB that a safety related defect may exist in approximately 4400 2010 & 2011 model year Saab 9-3 passenger cars imported into the United States.

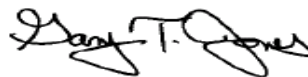
Some of these vehicles may be equipped with defective fuel pumps. The defective fuel pumps may seize, stopping fuel flow to the engine and causing a stall. Once seized the fuel pump will no longer operate and must be replaced. The fuel pump defect is due to a process issue of the fuel pump component supplier, resulting in an out of specification internal component in the fuel pump. The component was limited to certain batches of fuel pumps.

There have been no reported accidents or injuries due to this defect.

The vehicles within the affected VIN ranges will be recalled by Saab for inspection and fuel pump replacement, if necessary. The inspection and possible replacement of the fuel pump by authorized Saab dealers pursuant to this recall will be done at no charge, beginning as soon as service instructions and parts can be distributed.

Enclosed is the Initial Defect Information Report for this recall. As required by 49 CFR Part 573.6 (c)(10), copies of all notices, bulletins and other communications that relate directly to this recall will be submitted to you within five (5) days after being sent to Saab dealers or owners. Please advise me of NHTSA's specific reference number assignment for this recall as soon as it is available (Email: gary.jones@saab.com, Telefax # 248-581-0066, Phone # 248-343-8021.)

Sincerely,



Gary T. Jones
Compliance Manager

INITIAL DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT (MOTOR VEHICLES)

(Pursuant to the Requirements of 49 CFR 573.6)

Type of Determination: X Safety-Related Defect
Date of This Report: January 17, 2011
Recall Numbers: 15029 Saab _____ NHTSA
Manufacturer Name: Saab Automobile AB
Agent (Importer): Saab Cars North America, Inc.

IDENTIFICATION OF VEHICLES POTENTIALLY CONTAINING THE DEFECT:

Make: Saab

Model	Model Years	Production Dates		VIN Range(s)	Number of U.S. Vehicles Affected
		From	To		
9-3	2010	06/2010	10/2010	YS3F..... A1613281 - A1621042	2438
9-3	2011	06/2010	12/2010	YS3F..... B1300007 - B1307318	1943
Total Vehicles Affected:					4381
Percentage Estimated To Contain Defect:					30%

The component that will be replaced to remedy the defect is the fuel pump supplied by TI Automotive.

Plant Address: TI Automotive
455 T. Elmer Cox Drive
Greeneville, Tennessee 37743

Contact: Jeffery Cline, Quality Manager, Phone: 423-636-3338

DESCRIPTION OF DEFECT:

It has been determined that certain fuel pumps may have internal components with incorrect specifications. The subject fuel pumps will work normally for a short time before seizing. The majority of the subject pumps fail at very low mileages, most under 200 miles. The subject fuel pumps have been traced to certain production batches.

PRINCIPAL EVENTS THAT WERE BASIS FOR THE DEFECT DETERMINATION:

October 28, 2010	Saab Automobile AB opened an investigation after receiving reports from the U.S. of fuel pump failures on some new Saab 9-3s.
November 1, 2010- January 13, 2011	Saab Automobile AB and TI Automotive obtained failed fuel pumps and analyzed for root cause determination of the failure. The cause was traced to an incorrect manufacturing process. The batches and production dates of the suspect fuel pumps were determined and traced to the VIN ranges of the Saab 9-3 models which may have had the pumps installed.
January 13, 2010	A decision is made by Saab Automobile AB to conduct a defect recall on the affected cars. Saab Automobile AB informs Saab Cars USA, Inc. of the decision to implement a recall.

DESCRIPTION OF MANUFACTURER'S PROGRAM FOR DEFECT REMEDY:

For the affected cars, owners will be contacted (pursuant to the requirements of 49 CFR Part 577.5) by mail and asked to bring their car to any authorized Saab dealer. The dealer will inspect the fuel pump. If the fuel pump is identified as belonging to the defective batch, it will be replaced. If the fuel pump is not part of the defective batch, the vehicle will be returned to the owner.

Dealers will be instructed on how to complete the recall remedy and to submit a recall claim indicating that the modification has been completed. Dealers will also be instructed to monitor their Saab Dealer Communications System for any "uncompleted" cars. The approximate time for a dealer to complete the inspection process is approximately 1 hour for front wheel drive models and 2 hours for all wheel drive models. If replacement of the fuel pump is required, the additional time beyond the inspection time will be approximately 0.3 hours. This remedy will be performed at no charge to the owner.

Owners with questions will be told in the owner notification letter that they can call toll-free to the Saab Customer Assistance Center or ask their Saab dealer for assistance.

RECALL IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE:

This recall will be conducted in the U.S. for all affected Saab cars. At this time, Saab foresees the following approximate schedule for this recall in the U.S.:

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| Jan. 19-21 , 2011 | Notify Saab dealers of recall decision / delivery stop and provide inspection procedures via e-mail. |
| Feb. 18, 2011 | Estimated date by which owner notification letters can be printed and sent. |
| Mid- Feb., 2011 | Start of repairs at dealers. (Inspections may begin earlier). |