



AMERICAN SUZUKI MOTOR CORPORATION

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

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Dear Associate Administrator:

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

1. Name of Manufacturer and Importers

Manufacturer: Suzuki Motor Corporation
Importers:

Continental U.S. - American Suzuki Motor Corp.
Hawaii - Servco Pacific, Inc.
Puerto Rico - Suzuki Del Caribe, Inc.
Guam / Saipan - Triple J Auto Distributors, Inc.
American Samoa - Pacific Products, Inc.

2. Identification of Motor Vehicles Involved

Affected vehicles are: all 2009-2010 Suzuki Grand Vitara multipurpose passenger vehicles equipped with 4-cylinder engines; 2011 Suzuki Grand Vitara multipurpose passenger vehicles produced prior to October 17, 2010; all 2010 Suzuki SX4 passenger cars; and 2011 Suzuki SX4 passenger cars produced prior to October 14, 2010. Refer to the attached table for details.

The reported condition involves the tension adjuster pulley for the drive belt that operates the alternator, water pump, air conditioner compressor (if equipped), and power steering pump. This part is manufactured by:

Dayco Products, LLC
1650 Research Drive, Suite 200
Troy, MI 48083
Tel: 248-404-6500

3. Total Number of Motor Vehicles Involved

32,291

4. Percentage of Motor Vehicles Estimated to Contain the Defect

100%

5. Description of Defect

The tension adjuster pulley for the drive belt that operates the alternator, water pump, air conditioner compressor (if equipped), and power steering pump, has an improperly manufactured internal spring that can break due to repeated stress. If the spring breaks, the drive belt will not be adjusted properly and can slip, causing a squeaking noise. In the worst case the drive belt can come off. If the drive belt comes off, the driver will need increased effort to steer the vehicle. This can also cause the coolant temperature indication to rise, which can lead to engine overheating, or can cause the charging light to come on, which can lead to battery discharge and engine stall.

6. Chronology of Principal Events

June, 2010 - Suzuki Motor Corporation (SMC) received a report from the Japanese market about the drive belt coming off a Grand Vitara vehicle, causing the coolant temperature warning light to come on, and requiring increased effort to steer the vehicle. An investigation was initiated to determine the cause and extent of the condition.

Between August, 2009 and January, 2011, Suzuki distributors in the U.S. provided SMC with 5 field reports concerning failure of the drive belt tension adjuster in Grand Vitara vehicles.

7. Description of Corrective Action

Suzuki distributors will conduct a safety recall campaign to replace the drive belt tension adjuster pulley of affected vehicles with an improved part. American Suzuki Motor Corporation (ASMC) is planning to notify dealers about the recall on February 1, 2011, and currently expects to notify owners about the recall on February 16, 2011. We expect that other Suzuki distributors will follow a similar schedule.

Enclosed is a copy of ASMC's plan for reimbursing owners who may have paid for repairs to remedy the condition in advance of recall notification.

8. Copy of Notices

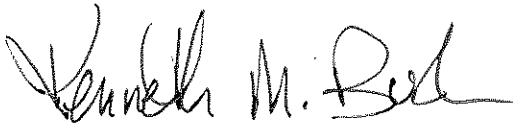
Attached is a copy of the initial notice that American Suzuki Motor Corporation received from SMC. Copies of other notices will be provided when they have been finalized.

9. Suzuki Campaign Number

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Sincerely,

AMERICAN SUZUKI MOTOR CORPORATION



Kenneth M. Bush
Associate Director, Government Relations

Attachment
 Suzuki Part 573 Report

**IDENTIFICATION OF VEHICLES POTENTIALLY INVOLVED
 BY MAKE, MODEL, MODEL YEAR, AND INCLUSIVE DATES OF
 MANUFACTURE**

SUZUKI MODEL	MODEL YEAR	INCLUSIVE DATES OF MANUFACTURE	TOTAL NO. OF VEHICLES
Grand Vitara (4 cylinder only)	2009	6/2/08 - 1/30/09	5,631
	2010	7/1/09 - 5/31/10	5,965
	2011	6/1/10 - 10/16/10	2,476
SX4	2010	7/10/09 - 5/31/10	12,760
	2011	6/1/10 - 10/13/10	5,459
TOTAL			32,291

CUSTOMER REIMBURSEMENT PLAN
American Suzuki Motor Corporation

If your vehicle is included in the recall and you have paid for repairs resulting from breakage of the drive belt tension adjuster pulley, you may be eligible for full or partial reimbursement. Suzuki's reimbursement plan covers the following affected vehicles: all 2009-2010 Grand Vitara vehicles equipped with 4-cylinder engines, 2011 Grand Vitara vehicles produced prior to October 17, 2010, all 2010 SX4 vehicles, and 2011 SX4 vehicles produced prior to October 14, 2010. Please note the following for which Suzuki may exclude reimbursement:

- Only repairs that are the subject of the safety recall are reimbursable. Additional expenses such as towing, rental, accommodations, damage repairs, etc. will not be reimbursed.
- Reimbursement may be limited to suggested list price on parts and the Suzuki published flat rate time allowance.
- An owner will not be eligible for reimbursement if the expenses for repairs are incurred more than 10 days after the date of the last owner notification letter sent by Suzuki.
- Reimbursement claims may also be excluded when adequate documentation is not submitted by the claimant.

To obtain information or request reimbursement, contact your Suzuki dealer or the American Suzuki Motor Corporation, Automotive Customer Service Department, PO Box 1100, Brea, CA 92822-1100, or call 1-800-934-0934. We will request an original or copy of your receipt for the recall repair or replacement, and your owner notification letter.