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Dear Maserati Dealer:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act (in the US) and the Motor Vehicle Safety Act (in Canada).

Maserati S.p.A., (Maserati) has determined that a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists in certain Model Year 2009 Maserati Quattroporte and Granturismo vehicles which were manufactured with rear suspension left-side and right-side wheel alignment toe-in tie-rods which may fail due to an incorrect machining parameter utilized on the threaded portion of the tie-rod. Vehicle use on rough roads (i.e. pot holes), may lead to tie-rod damage, and eventual fatigue failure of the tie-rod which may lead to a loss of vehicle control and an accident. Note that this action applies to cars produced and delivered for sale in the United States and Canada (**refer to Recall 196 Bulletin number MTB-201107 for correction actions, instructions and affected VIN list**).

The remedy involves replacement of the rear right-side and left-side wheel alignment tie-rods and installation of a tie-rod kit. This will also necessitate a wheel alignment after the kit has been installed onto the customer's vehicle.

The vehicles affected are as follows:

US Models (Total of 763 Vehicles):

Maserati Quattroporte Vehicle identification Numbers from ZAMFK39A790041624 to ZAMFK39A890043849 which have an Assembly Number from 42685 to 44954, and on Maserati Granturismo Vehicle Identification Numbers from ZAMGJ45AX80041912 to ZAMGJ45A390044264 which have an Assembly Number from 42700 to 44956.

Canada Models (Total of 38 Vehicles):

Maserati Quattroporte Vehicle identification Numbers from ZAMFK39A590042447 to ZAMFK39A790043874 which have an Assembly Number from 43688 to 44903, and on Maserati Granturismo Vehicle Identification Numbers from ZAMGH45F990042929 to ZAMGH45F590044547 which have an Assembly Number from 43155 to 44922. The affected vehicles mentioned above will have the tie-rod kit installed and a wheel alignment performed. All customers will receive notification of the remedy campaign.

The corrective action, for the above listed repair, will be performed free of charge to the vehicle owner and will require up to approximately 3.40 hours to complete. We have accordingly notified all owners of the affected vehicles, advising the owner of this problem and will be requesting that he or she contact any Authorized Maserati Dealer for the repair.

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The necessary components will be allocated to you, as needed, from our Parts Department. Upon transmittal of the repair under the normal warranty system, we will of course reimburse you for the parts and the labor necessary to carry out this recall campaign.

Please refer to the attached Recall Bulletin for information and VIN specific details for both US and Canadian models affected by this Recall Campaign.

Obviously, if you have any of the affected vehicles in your stock, you must not sell them until you have performed the necessary repairs on the vehicle. If you have already sold any of the vehicles with the chassis numbers specified (VIN and Assembly numbers) in the enclosed instructions and have not yet sent in the new owner information to MNA, please do so **at once so we may notify these owners.**

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Daniel Doku
Manager, Certification & Compliance Department