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2009-2010MY Mazda6 2.5L Engine - Fuel Tank Safety and Emission Recall 6211B

Dear Mazda Owner:

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

Mazda Motor Corporation has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2009-2010MY Mazda6 vehicles, equipped with 2.5L engine and produced from April 8, 2008 through February 8, 2010.

If you are a recipient of this notice, your vehicle is included in this recall.

What is the problem?

On certain Mazda6 vehicles, a certain type of spider may weave a web in the evaporative canister vent line and this may cause a restriction in the line. If this occurs, the fuel tank pressure may become excessively negative when the emission control system works to purge the vapors from the canister. As the canister is purged repeatedly during normal operation, the stress on the fuel tank may eventually result in a crack, potentially leading to fuel leakage and an increased risk of fire.

What will Mazda do?

Your Mazda dealer will inspect and clean up the canister vent line, and install a spring to prevent this type of spider from entering the vent line. Your dealer will also reprogram the powertrain control module with a modified calibration which will avoid negative pressure in the fuel tank. If any damage of the fuel tank and/or restriction of the canister vent line is found, the fuel tank and evaporative chamber will be replaced with new ones. The inspection and repair will be performed **free of charge**, and may take approximately one hour to complete; however, it may take longer depending on the necessary repair and service workload at your Mazda dealership.

As a reminder, Mazda may provide alternate transportation when your vehicle is at an authorized Mazda dealership for a warranty repair. To be eligible for alternate transportation, your vehicle must be within the mileage and time limitations under the Mazda New Vehicle Limited Warranty or Powertrain Limited Warranty for 2007 and newer model years, and adhere to the Rental Car Reimbursement policy. Ask your dealer for details about the Mazda Rental Car Reimbursement Program.

What should you do?

Mazda is concerned about your safety, and we encourage you to make an appointment with any authorized Mazda dealer to have the canister vent line and fuel tank inspected and repaired as soon as possible. You do not need to bring this notice to the dealer, but it may assist in the check-in process.

Emission Law Information:

To ensure your full protection under the emission warranty made applicable to your vehicle by State or Federal Law, and your right to participate in future recalls, it is recommended you have your vehicle or engine serviced as soon as possible. Failure to do so could be determined as lack of proper maintenance of your vehicle. Also, your vehicle may fail a state or local emission inspection if this recall is not completed.

Important notice to owners registering vehicles in California and Massachusetts: California Department of Motor Vehicles and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in conjunction with the California Air Resources Board and the Environmental Protection Agency for the State of Massachusetts, have implemented the Registration Renewal/Recall Tie-In Program, which requires the completion of Emission Recalls prior to registration renewal. Mazda dealers will provide a *Vehicle Emission Recall - Proof of Correction Certificate* upon completion of the recall. Be sure to keep the proof of correction certificate provided by the Mazda Dealer until needed for the registration renewal process.

What if you already paid for repair on fuel tank?

If you have already paid for the inspection, repair or replacement of the fuel tank due to damage/crack, prior to receiving this notice, you may be eligible for reimbursement of reasonable repair expenses based on Mazda's repair standards.

Please complete the enclosed "Reimbursement Application Form", include the necessary documentation, and mail it to us in the pre-addressed envelope provided, allowing 6-8 weeks for processing.

Where is the closest Mazda dealer?

To locate your nearest Mazda dealer, visit our web site and try our "Locate a Dealer" feature at www.MazdaUSA.com or consult your local yellow pages.

Moved or no longer own this vehicle?

If you have moved or no longer own your Mazda vehicle, please complete the enclosed prepaid *Information Change Card* as soon as possible. This enables us to update our records and notify the current owner.

Federal law requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.





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Still have questions?

If you have any questions regarding this campaign, please contact our Customer Assistance Center at (800) 222-5500, option #6.

If Mazda or its dealers do not repair the defect free of charge and within a reasonable amount of time, you may notify the Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., Washington, DC 20590; or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

We actively work to improve our products and search for solutions to improve your ownership experience. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience this recall may have caused you.

Sincerely,

Mazda North American Operations