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Defect Information Report

Maserati S.p.A. has determined that a defect that relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain Model Year 2008, 2009 and 2010 Maserati Granturismo and Maserati Granturismo Convertible vehicles. Maserati North America, Inc. (MNA) is providing this notification to your office in accordance with **49 C.F.R. Part 573**.

Maserati S.p.A. and MNA has determined that certain Model Year 2008, 2009 and 2010 Granturismo and Granturismo Convertible models, specifically, vehicles indicated in the attached VIN/Assembly and Production Date Chart were manufactured with rear tail lamp assemblies (either right or left side) which do not meet functionality and durability specifications. These rear tail lamp assemblies can have a loss of functionality resulting in possible repeated rear tail lamp bulb failure (including the brake lamp bulbs) or an inoperative rear tail lamp assembly which may lead to reduced vehicle visibility or possibly an accident. Please note that the vehicles, high mounted brake lamp assembly is not affected and functions properly.

As noted below, a total of **1768** vehicles have been sold or leased to customers, and thus this notification relates only to those vehicles.

The information – to the extent currently available to MNA – that is required by your regulation follows:

1. Manufacturer's Name and Address.

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2. Vehicle Involved in this Notification.

The affected vehicles consist of certain Model Year 2008, 2009 and 2010 Maserati Granturismo and Granturismo Convertible vehicles. Please refer to the attached VIN/Assembly and Production Date Chart for specific information.

3. Total Number of Vehicles.

The total population of Model Year 2008, 2009 and 2010 Granturismo and Granturismo Convertible vehicles potentially in the affected VIN range is 1768 that have been sold or leased to customers.

4. Approximate percentage of vehicles Estimated to Contain the Defect.

Within the affected VIN range, potentially all units may contain the defect.

5. Description of the Defect.

The defect has been identified as a deviation in a production batch of the rear tail lamp supplier manufacturing process and involves the rear tail lamp assemblies (either left or right side) which were produced prior to January 15, 2010, which may fail due to a faulty tail lamp assembly internal PCB welded bridge, resulting in blown or inoperative rear tail lamp bulbs. Once this occurs, the vehicle operator will receive notification through the instrument cluster's lamp out telltale.

6. Chronology of Events leading to this Defect Determination.

Maserati S.p.A. and MNA received notification from field reports and warranty claims paid for rear tail lamp bulb failures. Investigation of repeated tail lamp bulb and/or rear tail lamp inoperative failures during 2011 resulted in the supplier's material/component analysis and subsequent identification and verification of the failure to a batch of components.

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7. Description of Proposed Remedy.

The remedy for the affected vehicles involves the removal of the rear tail lamp assemblies from the vehicle and checking the rear tail lamp production date. If the production date is prior to January 15, 2010 the rear tail lamp assemblies (both the right and left side) will require replacement. The check and if necessary, replacement of the rear tail lamp assemblies will be performed free of charge to the vehicle owner, and will require approximately 1.20 hours to complete on Granturismo models and 1.40 hours to complete on Granturismo Convertible models.

MNA anticipates that an adequate inventory of replacement rear tail lamp assemblies will be available in approximately 30 days. All customers for whom this remedy is required and our dealers will receive notification of the remedy campaign. Maserati North America, Inc. intends to send customer notification letters to each owner of an affected vehicle by mail to inform the customer of the problem and advise the customer to contact their local authorized Maserati Dealer to schedule an appointment to repair the affected vehicle.

Because all of the vehicles that potentially have the defect were manufactured between June, 2008 and March, 2010, all of the affected vehicles are currently under warranty, and no customers would have incurred any costs to obtain a pre-notification remedy of this defect. Accordingly, MNA requests that it be excused from the requirements of 49 C.F.R. §§ 573.6(c)(8), 573.13, and 577.11 to provide notification to owners that they may be eligible for reimbursement of the costs of obtaining a pre-notification remedy of this defect. 49 C.F.R. § 573.13(d) permits manufacturers to “exclude reimbursement for costs incurred within the period during which the manufacturer’s original or extended warranty would have provided for a free repair of the problem addressed by the recall, without any payment by the consumer.” In addition, 49 C.F.R. § 577.11(e) contemplates that, upon written request by the manufacturer, NHTSA may determine that the manufacturer is not required to provide notification concerning reimbursement for pre-notification remedies because all covered vehicles are under warranty. Thus, MNA’s request to be excused from the obligation of specifying a reimbursement program in this report, and of providing notification to owners concerning it, is consistent with the regulations governing reimbursement for pre-notification remedies

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8. Campaign Schedule and Draft Notices.

MNA expects to begin customer notification within 30 days as well as additional dealer materials including a draft copy of the recall campaign instruction and information bulletin in the attached Recall Campaign document. MNA has assigned this campaign an internal number: **198**.

9. Representative Copies of Notifications that Relate to the Defect and Have Been Sent to More than One Manufacturer, Distributor, Dealer, or Purchaser.

There are no notices, bulletins or other communications that relate directly to the defect and have been sent by MNA to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser.

Should you have questions concerning this submission, please contact me at your earliest convenience at 201-816-2638.

Sincerely,

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