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Dear Mazda Dealer,

Mazda Motor Corporation has notified the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of an upcoming safety recall on 2001-2002 Mazda Tribute vehicles equipped with Anti-Lock Brakes (ABS). Parts are not currently available to complete the required repair. We will initially notify customers by mail, advising them to park their vehicle outdoors and away from structures; and by doing so preventing a potential fire from spreading in the unlikely event of a short, until parts are available and the recall is performed. Dealers may be contacted by customers about the upcoming recall.

Some of the affected vehicles may have a master cylinder reservoir cap that could allow for brake fluid to leak from the reservoir and potentially reach the ABS module connector. If the module connector is not sealed properly, brake fluid may enter the module connector, creating a potential for an electrical short. An electrical short might cause an ABS malfunction that would illuminate the ABS warning light, and in some cases, the module may overheat resulting in burning odor, smoke, and/or fire. This condition could occur either when the vehicle ignition switch is in the 'OFF' position or while the vehicle is being operated.

## SUBJECT VEHICLES

Model	VIN Range	Build Date Range
Certain 2001-2002 Tributes equipped with ABS	4F2 *U****1K M00212 - M67335 and 4F2 *U****2K M00002 - M66656	From April 20, 2000 through July 19, 2002

Note: The asterisk symbol "\*" can be any letter or number.

Owners of affected vehicles will be notified by first class mail beginning February 3, 2012.

Customers will be advised to park their vehicles outside until parts to repair this condition are available. Once parts are available, Mazda will send a second letter to customers, advising them that parts are available and to contact their dealer to schedule a service appointment.

It is anticipated that parts along with warranty information and repair procedures will be provided to dealers in the second quarter of 2012.

We apologize for inconvenience that this recall may cause you and your customers. Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact your DSM.

## **Mazda Technical Services**