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**2001-2002 Mazda Tribute
Voluntary Safety Recall 6712A**

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 2001-2002 Tribute vehicles equipped with an Anti-Lock Brake System (ABS).

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

What is the problem?

On certain 2001-2002 Tribute vehicles equipped with ABS, it may be possible that an electrical short might cause an Anti-Lock Brake System (ABS) malfunction that could illuminate the ABS warning light. In some cases, the module may overheat and result in a 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.

Mazda previously notified affected Tribute owners of Safety Recall 4507C in May 2007. The 4507C notification informed owners to have the ABS module connector inspected and repaired as needed. This new Safety Recall 6712A will modify your vehicle's ABS system to provide additional protection against potential electrical shorts. It is very important that both Safety Recalls be performed on your vehicle.

What should you do?

Our records indicate that both Safety Recall 4507C and 6712A are needed on your vehicle. Although parts are currently not available to complete Safety Recall 6712A, parts are available for Safety Recall 4507C. Please call your dealer without delay to schedule a service date for Safety Recall 4507C.

Mazda is concerned about your safety, so until both Safety Recalls 4507C and 6712A are performed, it is recommended that you park your vehicle outdoors away from structures to prevent a potential unattended fire from spreading, in the unlikely event that your ABS module develops an electrical short.

What will Mazda do?

Your Mazda dealer will inspect and provide any needed repairs to complete Safety Recall 4507C, free of charge. When parts for Safety Recall 6712A are available, you will be notified by Mazda via mail to schedule a service appointment with your dealer to have the repair performed, free of charge. The repair will take approximately one hour. Parts for this safety recall are expected to be available in the second quarter of 2012. We are closely working with our suppliers to accelerate parts availability.

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.

Still have questions?

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

After parts become available, 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. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this recall may cause you.

Sincerely,

Mazda North American Operations