



U.S. Department of Transportation
**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215KS
13V-130

Subject: Passenger Side Airbag Inflator may Rupture

Dear Mr. Robertson:

This letter serves to acknowledge Mazda North American Operations's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:
MAZDA/MAZDA6/2003-2004
MAZDA/RX8/2004

Mfr's Report Date: April 10, 2013

NHTSA Campaign Number: 13V-130

Components:
AIR BAGS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 149

Problem Description:

Mazda is recalling certain model year 2003-2004 Mazda6 vehicles manufactured January 14, 2003, through May 29, 2003; and 2004 RX-8 vehicles manufactured June 25, 2003, through June 30, 2003, to address a safety defect in the passenger side air bag which may produce excessive internal pressure causing the inflator to rupture upon deployment of the air bag.

Consequence:

In the event of a crash necessitating deployment of the passenger's air bag, the inflator could rupture with metal fragments striking and potentially seriously injuring the passenger seat occupant or other occupants.

Remedy:

Owners of all vehicles on which a defective air bag may have been installed as original equipment will be notified. Dealers will inspect vehicles, and where a defective air bag inflator is identified, the inflator will be replaced, free of charge. The safety recall will begin in May 2013. Owners may contact Mazda Customer Assistance Center at 1-800-222-5500, option #6. Mazda's recall campaign number is 6913D.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at kelly.schuler@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement