

October 31, 2014 VIA NHTSA Recall Portal

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Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Attention: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
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Subject:

Notification of Voluntary Recall

2014 - 2015 Porsche 911 / Boxster / Cayman Models

Replacing upper part of front hood lock

Dear Ms. Lewis:

Porsche Cars North America, Inc. ("Porsche") on behalf of Dr. Ing. h.c. F. Porsche AG ("Porsche AG"), hereby informs you of Porsche's intention to conduct a voluntary safety related recall and remedy campaign involving three 2014 - 2015 Porsche lines. This information is submitted in accordance with the provisions of Part 573 of Title 49 of the code of Federal Regulations.

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Manufacturer's Name
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Identification of Vehicles

Make:

Porsche

Model Years:

2014 - 2015

Models:

911 (991 generation)

Boxster (981 generation) Cayman (981 generation) Ms. Nancy Lewis Notification of Recall - Replacing upper part of front hood lock October 31, 2014 Page 2 of 4

**Production Dates:** 

May 7, 2014, to September 23, 2014

VIN Ranges:

From:	<u>To:</u>
WP0CA2A8XEK120958	WP0CA2A8XEK120958
WP0AA2A85EK174806	WP0AA2A85EK174806
WP0AB2A82EK193889	WP0AB2A82EK193889
WP0CA2A87ES121937	WP0CA2A85ES122052
WP0CB2A84ES141530	WP0CB2A86ES141559
WP0AA2A91ES107872	WP0AA2A9XES107918
WP0AB2A97ES123149	WP0BA2A94ES128073
WP0BB2A92ES133253	WP0BB2A98ES133340
WP0CA2A98ES140909	WP0CA2A96ES140956
WP0CB2A96ES155941	WP0CB2A92ES156018
WP0AD2A97ES167873	WP0AD2A92ES168073
WP0CD2A95ES173616	WP0CD2A95ES173678
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WP0CB2A85FK130103 ·	WP0CB2A80FK130218
WP0AA2A89FK160005	WP0AA2A86FK160284
WP0AB2A81FK180116	WP0AB2A8XFK180356
WP0CA2A81FS110062	WP0CA2A81FS110126
WP0CB2A84FS130061	WP0CB2A83FS130083
WP0AA2A94FS100061	WP0AA2A90FS100090
WP0AB2A95FS110062	WP0AB2A95FS110126
WP0BA2A95FS130061	WP0CA2A95FS137080
WP0CB2A92FS143061	WP0CB2A92FS143111
WP0AD2A98FS160061	WP0AD2A92FS160167
WP0CD2A91FS172061	WP0CD2A99FS172101

Vehicle Types:

Sports Car

Bodystyles:

2-door coupe and 2-door convertible

Component

Supplier:

KICO Polska Sp. z o.o. ul. Łużycka 50 PL-66-200 Świebodzin

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Number of Vehicles Potentially Containing the Defect

1,382

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Percentage of Vehicles Actually Containing Defect

Unknown.

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Description of Defect

Due to a temporary manufacturing error, there is a possibility that the front hood lock upper components, on which the catch bar was riveted to the mounting plate, were not produced according to specifications.

The durability of the upper part of the lock cannot be assured over the service life of the affected vehicles, and therefore the risk of the lid opening unintentionally during vehicle operation cannot be ruled out.

The production error in the production process of the supplier was detected during regular maintenance and control of the riveting machine. The defect was limited to a single production batch between the regular maintenance and control dates.

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Basis for Determination

June 2014

A single case was found on a vehicle on the production line in Zuffenhausen, Germany by an indication of an optical variance of the rivet (small gap between mounting plate and clamp).

June - October 2014

Porsche and the supplier began conducting internal inspections. Two additional outof-specification components were found to be in stock. Tensile tests were performed on the out of specification components, and the results were within specifications. In addition, durability tests were performed that proved to not meet specifications.

No failures were reported from the field.

October 2014

In order to exclude any risk of a malfunction of this component on vehicles in the field, Porsche has decided to conduct a voluntary safety related recall. Porsche will replace the affected components on all vehicles manufactured with components from the suspect production batch.

Porsche is not aware of any accidents or injuries resulting from the defect described.

Date of determination: October 24, 2014.

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Noncompliance Test Result

Not applicable.

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Proposed Remedial Program

The upper part of the lock on the front hood of the affected vehicles will be replaced.

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Remedy Proposal for the Replacement of Tires

Not applicable.

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**Recall Communications** 

A representative copy of all bulletins and other communications sent to dealers and

owners will be submitted within five (5) days of dealer/owner notification.

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Manufacturer Campaign Number

AE04.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (770) 290-3627.

Sincerely,

Walter J. Lewis, Manager

Regulatory Affairs