

**Part 573 Safety Recall Report****15V-688****Manufacturer Name :** Bentley Motors, Inc.**Submission Date :** NOV 06,2015**NHTSA Recall No. :** 15V-688**Manufacturer Recall No. :** RE15/15**Manufacturer Information :**

Manufacturer Name : Bentley Motors, Inc.

Address : 2200 Ferdinand Porsche Drive  
Herndon VA 20171

Company phone : 1-800-777-6923

**Population :**

Number of potentially involved : 7,778

Estimated percentage with defect : 0

**Vehicle Information :**

Vehicle : 2012-2014 Bentley Continental GT

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : 2-DOOR

Power Train : GAS

Descriptive Information : Fastener Replacement - Battery Cable Front Bulkhead Studbox

Production Dates : FEB 01, 2011 - APR 30, 2014

**VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range**

Begin : SCBFR7ZAXCC069868

End : SCBFH7ZAXEC040697

 Not sequential VINs

Vehicle : 2012-2013 Bentley Continental Flying Spur

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : 4-DOOR

Power Train : GAS

Descriptive Information : Fastener Replacement - Battery Cable Front Bulkhead Studbox

Production Dates : MAR 31, 2011 - AUG 30, 2012

**VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range**

Begin : SCBBR9ZA3CC070449

End : SCBBR9ZA1DC082486

 Not sequential VINs

Vehicle : 2012-2015 Bentley Continental GTC

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : 2-DOOR

Power Train : GAS

Descriptive Information : Fastener Replacement - Battery Cable Front Bulkhead Studbox

Production Dates : FEB 01, 2011 - JUN 30, 2014

**VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range**

Begin : scbdu3za1cc070504

End : scbgh3za2fc041759

 Not sequential VINs

Vehicle : 2014-2014 Bentley Flying Spur

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : 4-DOOR

Power Train : GAS

Descriptive Information : Fastener Replacement - Battery Cable Front Bulkhead Studbox

Production Dates : FEB 28, 2013 - APR 28, 2014

**VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range**

Begin : SCBET9ZA6EC084783

End : SCBEC9ZA2EC040523

 Not sequential VINs**Description of Defect :**

Description of the Defect : A 12V battery cable has a bolted connection where it passes through the front bulkhead on the right hand side. There is a possibility that this connection may be loose on a small number of vehicles.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : In rare cases, if the battery is significantly discharged and the vehicle is being operated under increased electrical load, a loose electrical connection can overheat whilst the vehicle is in use. This overheating could lead to a vehicle fire

Description of the Cause : NR

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : In most instances, the customer is unable to start the engine.

**Supplier Identification :****Component Manufacturer**

Name : NR

Address : NR

NR

Country : NR

**Chronology :**

April 2015 - A vehicle fire investigation concluded that a loose 12V battery cable connection was the cause of the incident.

May to October 2015 - Detailed analysis into how a loose connection could lead to a vehicle fire and analysis of how the manufacturing processes used at the time could lead to a loose connection.

13th October 2015 - Based on the above investigation, the Bentley Product Safety Committee decided to conduct a voluntary recall on the affected vehicles.

**Description of Remedy :**

Description of Remedy Program : The original nut will be replaced by a prevailing-torque-nut and tightened to the correct torque.

Bentley will reimburse customers for any out of pocket expense relating to this defect.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : The original nut will be replaced by a prevailing-torque-nut.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : A one piece cable eliminating the need for a joint was introduced in May 2014.

**Recall Schedule :**

Description of Recall Schedule : A draft owner's letter will be submitted to the agency for review and approval. A representative copy of all bulletins and other communications sent to dealers and owner's will be submitted within five (5) days of dealer/owner notification

Planned Dealer Notification Date : NOV 03, 2015 - NOV 05, 2015

Planned Owner Notification Date : NOV 10, 2015 - NOV 12, 2015

\* NR - Not Reported