



July 17, 2015

Attention: Mazda Sales, Service and Parts Managers

Subject: Upcoming Safety Recall 8515G – 2007-2014 CX-9 Lower Control Arms

On July 16, 2015, Mazda Motor Corporation filed a safety defect report with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to address a concern with 2007-2014 CX-9 vehicles produced from October 24, 2006 through December 28, 2013. Mazda has assigned recall number 8515G to this campaign.

**SUBJECT VEHICLES**

Model	Build Date Range
2007-2014 CX-9	October 24, 2006 through December 28, 2013

On the affected vehicles, it is possible that water may enter the front suspension ball joint fitting. Driving on roadways during the winter months can lead to saltwater intrusion into the ball joint, causing corrosion, which can result in looseness of the ball joint in the fitting. As a result of the looseness, a rattle may occur at the lower control arm ball joint. After extended operation in this condition, in the worst case the ball joint and lower control arm may separate.

**Action Required:**

**Beginning today, subject vehicles in the above build date range in dealer inventory must not be delivered to customers until the recall repair is completed.** Please confirm the production dates for all CX-9s in your inventory.

**According to our records, the following affected VINs are currently in dealer inventory:**

JM3TB2BAXE0425877	JM3TB3BA6E0428328	JM3TB3BV7E0428809	JM3TB3CV7E0429697
JM3TB3DA2E0426315	JM3TB2BA3E0428409	JM3TB3CV5E0429150	JM3TB2CA6E0430671
JM3TB2CA4E0427249	JM3TB2DV6E0428534	JM3TB3BA5E0429244	JM3TB3CV6E0431473
JM3TB3CV0E0431906	JM3TB3BV9E0432862	JM3TB2DV7E0433127	JM3TB3DV8E0431893
JM3TB2CAXE0432097	JM3TB3CV0E0432876	JM3TB3BV8E0433209	JM3TB3BV6E0433211
JM3TB3DA6E0433512			

Additional details will be provided next week. Recall repair instructions for this repair will be provided to dealers when the recall is launched next month.

Affected owners will be notified by mail in September, 2015.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause your dealership and your customers. Your understanding and support in carrying out this campaign are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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