



IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL

2009-2010 Mazda6 Front Cross Member Corrosion Safety Recall 2818I NHTSA Campaign No. 18V-631

November 2018

This notice applies to your vehicle: VIN _____

Dear Mazda Owner:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with 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 2009-2010 Mazda6 vehicles, produced from February 4, 2008 through October 1, 2010, and originally sold in, or currently or previously registered in salt belt states listed below.

Connecticut	Delaware	District of Columbia	Illinois	Indiana
Iowa	Kentucky	Maine	Maryland	Massachusetts
Michigan	Minnesota	Missouri	New Hampshire	New Jersey
New York	Ohio	Pennsylvania	Rhode Island	Vermont
Virginia	West Virginia	Wisconsin		

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

What is the problem?

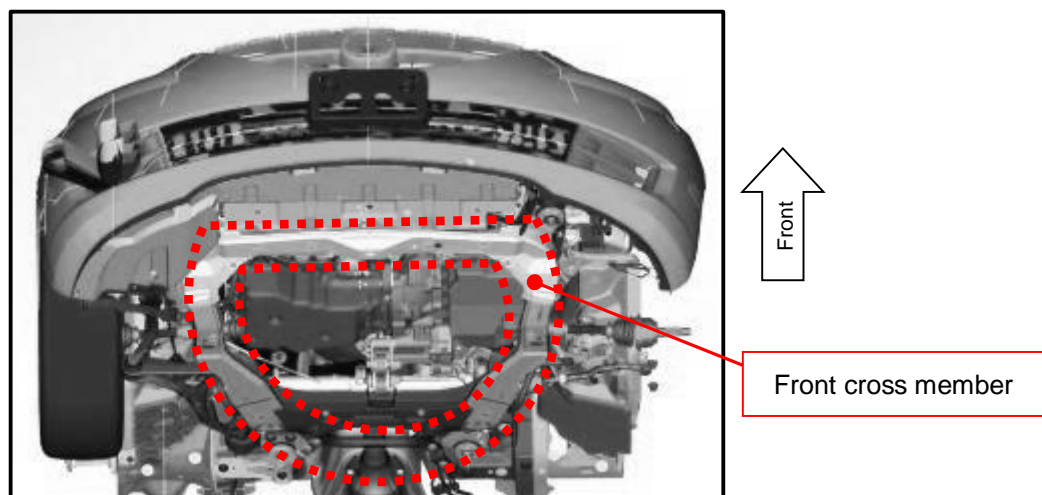
On certain subject Mazda6 vehicles in salt belt states, it is possible the front cross member may be corroded due to suspected insufficient paint coating. Continued use of the vehicle may allow the corrosion to progress and support of the right lower control arm to decrease. Passing over a pothole may result in breakage of the cross member and reduced steering control, increasing the risk of a crash.

What will Mazda do?

Repair parts are not currently available. It is expected that limited parts will become available in January. Your Mazda dealer will check the condition of the front cross member of your vehicle, and determine if it passes the inspection criteria. According to the result of the inspection, one of the actions below will be taken.

- If the front cross member passes the inspection, the repair will not be performed at this time. When repair parts are available, Mazda will send you another notification to make an appointment with an authorized Mazda dealer to have your vehicle repaired. When you return to the Mazda dealer, a reinforcement cross-brace and a drain hose will be installed and anti-rust cavity wax will be applied to the cross member.
- If the front cross member does not pass the inspection, your Mazda dealer will arrange a rental or loaner vehicle for you free of charge until repair parts are available. When repair parts are available, the dealer will replace the cross member with a modified one and install a drain hose.

The inspection and repair will be performed on your vehicle at no cost to you.



View from lower side

How long will it take?

The inspection should take approximately one hour to complete; however, your Mazda dealer may need your vehicle for a longer period of time.

Mazda will provide alternate transportation, if needed, when your vehicle is at an authorized Mazda dealership for a recall repair. Schedule an appointment with an authorized Mazda dealer so they can discuss and accommodate your needs.

What should you do?

Mazda is concerned about your safety, and we encourage you to contact any authorized Mazda dealer to schedule an appointment to have your Mazda vehicle inspected as soon as possible. You do not need to bring this notice to the dealer, but it may assist in the check-in process.

What if you already paid for front cross member repair?

If you have already paid for repair or replacement of the front cross member due to corrosion, perforation, or breakage, prior to receiving this notice, you may be eligible for reimbursement of reasonable repair expenses based on Mazda's repair standards.

Please complete the enclosed "Reimbursement Application Form", include the necessary documentation, and mail it to us in the pre-addressed envelope provided, allowing 6-8 weeks for processing

Where is the closest Mazda dealer?

To locate your nearest Mazda dealer, visit our website www.MazdaRecallInfo.com, or call our Customer Experience Center at (800) 222-5500, option #4.

Moved or no longer own this vehicle?

If you have moved or no longer own your Mazda vehicle, please complete and mail the enclosed postage-paid Information Change Card (no envelope required) 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 campaign, please contact our Customer Experience Center toll free at (800) 222-5500, option #6.

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>.

As a reminder, you can always go to www.MazdaRecallInfo.com and enter your VIN to view recalls and service campaigns that apply to your vehicle as well as register to receive future recall alerts.

Your safety is our first priority at Mazda. We actively work to improve our products and search for solutions to improve your ownership experience. We apologize for any inconvenience this recall may have caused you.

Protect What is Important to You.

Sincerely,

Mazda North American Operations

*Para información en español, visite www.MazdaSeguridad.com o llame a nuestro **Centro de Experiencia para el Consumidor al (800) 222-5500, opción #8** para hablar con un representante en español.*