



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

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Mr. Arthur De La Rosa
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NEF-150JK
19V-296

Subject: Side Curtain Air Bags may not Deploy/FMVSS 226

Dear Mr. De La Rosa:

This letter serves to acknowledge Karma Automotive LLC'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:

KARMA/REVERO/2018

Mfr's Report Date: April 11, 2019

NHTSA Campaign Number: 19V-296

Components:

AIR BAGS: AIR BAG CONTROL MODULE

AIR BAGS: ROLL PROTECTION

AIR BAGS:SIDE/WINDOW

Potential Number of Units Affected: 231

Problem Description:

Karma Automotive (Karma) is recalling certain 2018 Karma Revero vehicles. In the event of a roll over crash, the side curtain/head protection air bags may not deploy as intended due to a rollover sensor system that is not enabled. The system also lacks an instrument cluster warning light and a description of the system in the owner's manual. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 226, "Ejection Mitigation."

Consequence:

If the side air bags do not deploy as intended in a roll over crash, it can increase the risk of injury.

Remedy:

Karma will notify owners, and dealers will replace the existing Airbag Control Unit (ACU) with a rollover enabled ACU and the owners manual will be updated with the description of the system, free of charge. An interim letter notifying owners of the recall will be mailed by April 30, 2019. A second notice will be sent once parts are available. Owners may contact Karma customer service at 1-855-288-6109. Karma's number for this recall is RC-19-84-01.

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.

We have received Karma's proposed interim owner notification letter and have approved it for distribution.

We understand that the vehicles included in this recall were produced on or after September 1, 2017. All vehicles produced before September 1, 2017 are exempted by S.4.1.3 (a).

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

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 the final 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 Jennifer Kruger who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-2461, or by email at jennifer.kruger@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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