

June 18, 2019

Mr. Arthur De La Rosa Director, Regulatory Compliance Karma Automotive LLC 9950 Jeronimo Road Irvine, CA 92618

Subject: Front Door Intrusion Bar May Be Split

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: May 31, 2019

NHTSA Campaign Number: 19V-408

**Components:** STRUCTURE:BODY:DOOR

Potential Number of Units Affected: 295

## **Problem Description:**

Karma Automotive (Karma) is recalling certain 2018 Karma Revero vehicles. The upper intrusion bar within the front left door may be split. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 214, "Side Impact Protection."

## **Consequence:**

The split metal may compromise the vehicle's strength reducing the side-impact protection and increasing the risk of injury.

## **Remedy:**

Karma will notify owners, and dealers will inspect all of the front doors and replace them as necessary, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin July 12, 2019. Owners may contact Karma customer service at 1-855-288-6109. Karma's number for this recall is RC-19-70-01.

## 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.



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

NHTSA is missing critical, required information for this safety recall. This information must be supplied through the NHTSA Recalls Portal within 5 working days of confirming its accuracy:

A description of how the products to be recalled differ from similar products that are not included in the recall (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(2)).

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

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).

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.

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 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,

Joshua Neff Acting Chief, Recall Management Division Office of Defects Investigations Enforcement

