

U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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Mr. David Robertson Group Manager, Environmental, Safety and Powertrain Engineering Mazda North American Operations 1025 Connecticut Ave, NW Washington, DC 20036 NEF-150JK 19V-496

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

**Subject:** Skid Plate and Bracket May Detach

Dear Mr. Robertson:

This letter serves to acknowledge Mazda North American Operations'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:

MAZDA/MX-5/2016

Mfr's Report Date: June 27, 2019

NHTSA Campaign Number: 19V-496

**Components:** 

STRUCTURE: FRAME AND MEMBERS: UNDERBODY SHIELDS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 2,476

## **Problem Description:**

Mazda North American Operations (Mazda) is recalling certain 2016 Miata MX-5 vehicles. The skid plate and metal bracket may detach from underneath the vehicle.

# **Consequence:**

Parts that separate from the vehicle may become a road hazard, increasing the risk of a crash.

### Remedy

Mazda will notify owners, and dealers will replace the skid plate, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin August 26, 2019. Owners may contact Mazda customer service at 1-800-222-5500, option 4. Mazda's number for this recall is 3619F.

### **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 Mazda's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

Please affirmatively state that, to Mazda's best knowledge, there are no known crashes or injuries resulting from the skid plate detaching.

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).

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

