

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

21V-605

Manufacturer Name : Bentley Motors, Inc.

Submission Date : AUG 04, 2021

NHTSA Recall No. : 21V-605

Manufacturer Recall No. : RE21/31 (RC13)



Manufacturer Information :

Manufacturer Name : Bentley Motors, Inc.

Address : 2200 Ferdinand Porsche Drive
Herndon VA 20171

Company phone : 1-800-777-6923

Population :

Number of potentially involved : 33

Estimated percentage with defect : 1 %

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2021-2021 Bentley Bentayga

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : SUV

Power Train : GAS

Descriptive Information : Vehicles included in this recall may have received certain seat belt assemblies manufactured by certain Autoliv Group companies between October 26, 2020 and January 27, 2021, that have an automatic locking retractor (ALR) that may deactivate early. Vehicles not included in this recall have received parts that were ok.

Production Dates : JAN 22, 2021 - MAR 29, 2021

VIN Range 1 : Begin : SJAAM2ZV1MC035378 **End :** SJAAM2ZV5MC036002 ☒ Not sequential

Description of Noncompliance :

Description of the Noncompliance : Autoliv has determined that certain seat belt assemblies do not comply with FMVSS 208. In these certain seat belt assemblies, the automatic locking retractor (ALR) function may deactivate early before the webbing is fully retracted.

FMVSS 1 : 208 - Occupant crash protection

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : The ALR function is required in the US market by FMVSS 208 S7.1.1.5. This noncompliance does not impact the compliance or functionality of the seat belt assemblies with respect to their normal use by adult passengers or use of the LATCH system to secure child restraint seats. With child restraint seats for which the vehicle owner elects to use the seat belt to secure the child restraint seat instead of the LATCH system, if the seat belt is not lockable so that the seat belt assembly can be used to tightly secure the child restraint seat, there is an increased risk of injury in a crash to the occupant of the child restraint seat.

Description of the Cause : The subcomponent supplier of the ALR levers used in the subject seat belt assemblies produced dimensionally out of tolerance parts that may cause the ALR to deactivate before the seat belt webbing is fully retracted.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : A vehicle owner who elects to use the seat belt instead of the LATCH system to secure a child restraint seat will notice that the seat belt is not locked and the audible clicking noise made when the ALR function is activated stops well before the seat belt webbing is fully retracted.

Involved Components :

Component Name 1 : Seat belt assembly

Component Description : Seat Belt assembly - front passenger position

Component Part Number : Front passenger side: 36B.857.706.C

Supplier Identification :

Component Manufacturer

Name : Autoliv Inc.

Address : Klarabergsviadukten 70
World Trade Center Stockholm Foreign States 28326

Country : Sweden

Chronology :

June 15, 2021: Bentley was informed by Autoliv that Autoliv has decided to recall certain seat belt assemblies manufactured between October 26, 2020 and January 27, 2021 by certain Autoliv Group companies due to a potential non-compliance with FMVSS 208.

June - July 2021: Internal investigation including request for Autoliv to provide technical details of this potential non-compliance and provide the build-data for the suspect seat belt assemblies so that Bentley can start to identify the affected VINs.

July 6, 2021: Bentley received updated and more complete build data information from Autoliv with additional build data sets. New identification of potential affected vehicles started.

July 28, 2021: Topic was presented in Bentley Product Safety Committee. Bentley evaluated that this topic poses no unreasonable risk to motor vehicle safety but is a potential non-compliance with FMVSS 208 and decided a non-compliance recall.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : Dealers will inspect the affected seat belt assemblies at the specific seating positions and, if necessary, replace an affected seat belt free of charge. Because the affected vehicles are within the New Vehicle Limited Warranty, Bentley will not offer a reimbursement plan under this recall.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : The remedy component is built outside of the potentially affected time period and the ALR function is working. The recalled parts are the seat belt assemblies for the front passenger seat. The recalled part numbers are the same as the remedy part numbers: Front passenger side: 36B.857.706.C

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : Autoliv reported that this issue was corrected in production at their supplier January 2021.

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : Dealers/Owners: On or before October 01, 2021

Planned Dealer Notification Date : OCT 01, 2021 - OCT 01, 2021

Planned Owner Notification Date : OCT 01, 2021 - OCT 01, 2021

* NR - Not Reported