# Service Alert

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Subject:

LEATHER STEERING WHEEL SURFACE WEAR/PEEL, DENTS, OR DISCOLORATION

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## **BULLETIN NOTES**

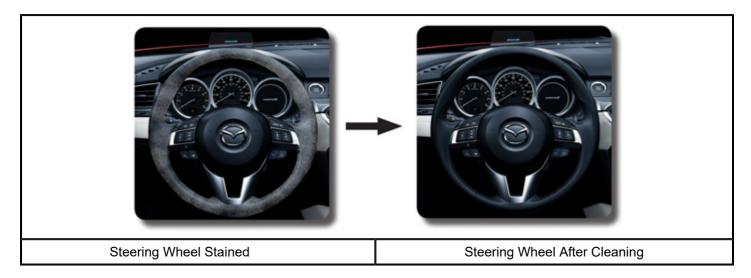
# APPLICABLE MODEL(S)/VINS

2023-2024 CX-5 2022-2023 CX-9 2020-2024 CX-30 2023-2024 CX-50 2024 CX-90 2022-2024 Mazda3 2022-2023 MX-30 2020-2023 MX-5

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Before judging a steering wheel as having premature wear or a defect, first clean the steering wheel as explained in the repair information.

Some vehicles may have steering wheel stains caused by chemicals such as hand lotions.



Some vehicles may exhibit wear/peel-off of the leather steering wheel surface causing a poor appearance. This concern may be caused by an insufficient wear resistance of the steering wheel surface.

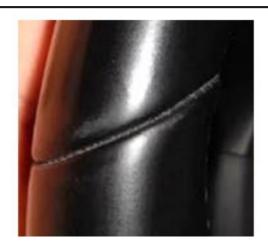
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**NOTE:** Slight wear on a seam of the steering wheel is considered normal wear since friction and force are applied while turning the steering wheel.



**NOTE:** Dents in the leather material are considered outside influence, however, if the concern is *found at PDI*, it should be repaired.

#### **REPAIR PROCEDURE**

## **LEATHER STEERIING WHEEL HANDLING TIPS:**

Unique care is needed since the leather steering wheel is delicate and coated with agents that improve durability without decreasing the touch and breathability of the leather. Refer to the information below for proper leather steering wheel maintenance.

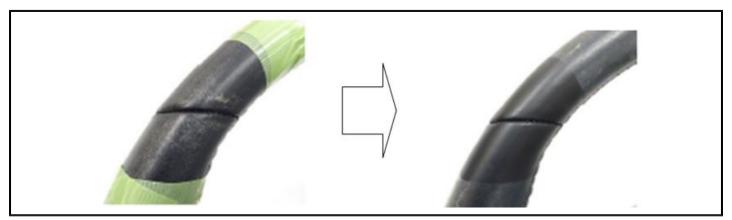
## **CLEAN:**

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Wipe the leather surface with a moist cloth using warm water if the leather is dirty. After wiping, dry off the remaining moisture with a clean dry towel.



#### **CAUTION:**

- Do not use a rough surface towel or wipe it off with too much force to avoid wear to the leather.
- Do not use general leather cleaners or waxes when wiping off dirt since it may deteriorate the leather coating of the steering wheel.
- Perfumes, cosmetics, hand creams, sunscreens, wet tissue papers, excessive sweat, and sebum may also deteriorate the coating.

## **OUTSIDE INFLUENCE:**

Do not scratch or scrub the leather with anything hard, such as a belt buckle, wristwatch, bracelet rings, etc. The examples below are damage that would not be covered under warranty.



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