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MAZDA STATEMENT ON TAKATA FRONT PASSENGER AIR BAG

WASHINGTON, DC (May 26, 2016) – Mazda has decided to expand a safety recall regarding the Takata front passenger air bag inflator, based on recent information from Takata and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

In the event of a crash necessitating deployment of the front passenger air bag, the inflator could rupture with metal fragments striking vehicle occupants, resulting in serious injury or death. The potential for rupture can occur after prolonged exposure to persistent conditions of high absolute humidity, high temperatures, and high temperature cycling.

The approximate population of vehicles in the expansion is 730,000 in the U.S. and U.S. territories and includes the following models:

MY 2009-2011 Mazda6
MY 2007-2011 CX-7
MY 2007-2011 CX-9
MY 2004-2011 RX-8
MY 2004-2006 MPV

Owners of affected vehicles will be notified of this issue and instructed to take their vehicles to a Mazda dealer for repair as replacement parts become available. Repairs will be performed free of charge.

No 2016 model year Mazda vehicles contain Takata driver or passenger front air bag inflators.

For the most up-to-date Safety Recall information on Mazda vehicles, customers should check their vehicle's status by visiting www.MazdaRecallInfo.com and entering the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN). Safety recall inquiry by individual VIN is also available at the NHTSA site: www.Safercar.gov/vin.

Mazda North American Operations is headquartered in Irvine, Calif., and oversees the sales, marketing, parts and customer service support of Mazda vehicles in the United States and Mexico through more than 700 dealers. Operations in Mexico are managed by Mazda Motor de Mexico in Mexico City.

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