

MAZDA STATEMENT ON RECALL OF LOWER ARM BALL JOINT IN CERTAIN CX-7 VEHICLES

WASHINGTON, DC (August 29, 2016) – On August 10, 2016, Mazda Motor Corporation filed a safety defect report with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to address a concern with certain 2007-2012 CX-7 vehicles.

During use, it is possible that water may enter the front suspension ball joint fitting. Driving on salted roadways during the winter months can lead to saltwater intruding into the ball joint, causing corrosion, which can result in generating looseness of the ball joint in the fitting. As a result of the looseness, a rattle may occur at ball joint of lower control arm. After extended operation in such condition, in the worst case, the ball joint and lower control arm may separate.

There have been no reports of accidents or injuries.

Approximately 190,000 additional vehicles are affected.

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