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Mazda Announces New Recall On B-Series Vehicles With Takata Driver- And Passenger-Side Frontal Airbag Inflators

Washington, DC (January 17, 2018) – Mazda has filed two Part 573 notifications with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) for two new recalls on the B-Series Truck with Takata airbag inflators.

A separate group of 2006MY B-Series vehicles have been identified as containing Takata driver side frontal air bags that show a far higher risk of ruptures during air bag deployment than for other recalled Takata air bags. Recall 2218A (NHTSA number 18V038) which issues a “stop drive” notification to affected owners, addresses this critical, high-risk safety concern with the driver side frontal air bag inflator, which could rupture if the vehicle is involved in a crash where the frontal air bags are designed to deploy. Two inflators built at Takata on the same day have ruptured causing fatal injuries on the MY2006 Ford Ranger. MY2006 Mazda B-Series are similar in manufacture and build to the Ford Ranger. With the safety of our customers as our highest priority, we are issuing a new recall notification in order to ensure that the high risk air bag inflators in this separate group of vehicles are replaced immediately.

Customers are asked to stop driving their vehicle and contact the Mazda Customer Experience Department at 800-222-5500

Recall 2318A (NHTSA number 18V039), representing the same affected population as 2218A, addresses the passenger frontal air bag inflator of model year 2006 B-Series, which could rupture if the vehicle is involved in a crash where the supplemental frontal air bags are designed to deploy.

There have been no reports of accidents or injuries due to the Takata airbag inflator in the B-Series.



Approximately 160 B-Series trucks are affected.

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