STATEMENT ON SAFETY RECALL OF CERTAIN 2016-2019 MY MAZDA MX-5 MIATAS

FAULTY TRANSMISSION CONTROL MODULE COULD CAUSE AN ABRUPT DECELERATION

WASHINGTON, DC (February 1, 2019) – Mazda North American Operations has filed a Defect and Non-Compliance Information Report with NHTSA regarding a safety concern with certain Model Year (MY) 2016-2019 Mazda MX-5 Miatas. In affected vehicles equipped with automatic transmissions, electrical noise in the range signal may be detected while driving in "D" range (including "Manual" mode). Due to inappropriate control logic of the clutch control software in the Transmission Control Module (TCM), this signal noise may cause the vehicle to unexpectedly downshift, causing an abrupt deceleration of the drive wheels.

A sudden decrease in the speed of the drive wheels while driving may negatively affect the directional stability of the vehicle, increasing the risk of a loss of vehicle control and potentially resulting in a crash.

Approximately 14,370 vehicles are affected.

- 2016 MY MX-5: 6,140 units
- 2017 MY MX-5: 4,519 units
- 2018 MY MX-5: 2,295 units
- 2019 MY MX-5: 1,416 units

There have been no reports of accidents or injuries.

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