

STATEMENT ON RECALL OF CERTAIN 2019 MY MAZDA3 VEHICLES

INDICATOR SAFETY RETURN

WASHINGTON, DC (June 8, 2019) – Mazda North American Operations has filed a Part 573 notification with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) for a safety defect on certain 2019 Model Year Mazda3 vehicles.

Certain vehicles may exhibit any one or all of the following concerns:

Passenger air bag deactivation indicator light may turn off, even though the passenger air bag is deactivated.

Seat belt status indicator of the front passenger seat may turn off, even though the front passenger seat belt is unfastened.

Seat belt status indicators of rear passenger seats may turn green, even though the rear seat belt(s) are unfastened.

These false indicator concerns can be detected by illumination of the air bag system malfunction warning light in the instrument cluster and with an audible warning.

False indication of the Passenger air bag deactivation indicator light is non-compliance of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard Number 208 – Occupant crash protection. False indication of any of these three systems may cause improper securing of seat belt(s) for passengers, increasing their risk for injury in the event of a crash.

Drivers can detect these defect occurrences by illumination of the air bag system malfunction warning light in the instrument cluster and an audible warning.

Approximately 16,982 vehicles are affected.

There have been no reports of accidents or injuries as a result of this defect.

Mazda North American Operations is headquartered in Irvine, California, and oversees the sales, marketing, parts and customer service support of Mazda vehicles in the United States and Mexico through nearly 700 dealers. Operations in Mexico are managed by Mazda Motor de Mexico in Mexico City. For more information on Mazda vehicles, including photography and B-roll, please visit the online Mazda media center at [InsideMazda.MazdaUSA.com/Newsroom](https://www.insidemazda.com/newsroom).

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