STATEMENT ON RECALL OF CERTAIN 2016 MX-5 VEHICLES

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WASHINGTON, DC (July 22, 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 2016 Model Year Mazda MX-5 Miata vehicles. During normal use, an undercover and related metal bracket may separate from the vehicle while driving. Mazda's recall number is 3619F.

Improper maintenance of a weld contact pin of the spot friction welding machine may result in a decrease in weld strength over time during production. The metal bracket may fall off the vehicle, creating a road hazard for other drivers and increasing the risk of a crash. Drivers will hear a metallic rattle noise prior to complete separation.

Approximately 2,476 vehicles are affected.

No accidents, injuries, or deaths have been reported from the field to date 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 vehiclesin 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.

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