

## **STATEMENT ON RECALL OF CERTAIN 2019 MY MAZDA3 VEHICLES FRONT SEAT HEAD RESTRAINTS MAY BECOME LOOSE SAFETY CONCERN**

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WASHINGTON, DC (July 25, 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. Due to improper installation of the seat cover material of the front driver and passenger seatbacks, the material may interfere with the head restraint lock release button, causing the button to be stuck in the release position.

In this condition, the head restraint can be moved freely, without the ability to lock the vertical height adjustment at a desired position. If a crash were to occur, the head restraint could become loose and injure occupants in the vehicle. The defect can be detected when adjusting the height of the front head restraints. Mazda's recall number is 3819F.

Approximately 9,430 vehicles are affected in the US and US Territories.

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 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://insidemazda.mazdausa.com/newsroom).

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