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IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL

**2014-2016 Mazda3 Fuel Leakage from Inlet Check Valve
Safety and Emission Recall 0116I
NHTSA Campaign No. 16V-684**

November 2016

This notice applies to your vehicle: VIN _____

Dear Mazda Owner:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Mazda Motor Corporation has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2014-2016 Mazda3 vehicles produced from December 4, 2013 through September 18, 2015.

If you are a recipient of this notice, your vehicle is included in this recall.

What is the problem?

On certain Mazda3 vehicles, due to possible fuel tank deformation during manufacturing, the inlet check valve (ICV) may not be properly welded to the fuel tank. If the ICV weld breaks during vehicle operation, fuel leakage may occur, increasing the risk of fire.

What will Mazda do?

Your Mazda dealer will check the fuel tank lot number and, if confirmed to be affected, inspect the weld condition of the ICV to the fuel tank. If necessary, the fuel tank will be replaced with a new one. The inspection and repair will be performed at no cost to you.

How long will it take?

It will take approximately 30 minutes to complete the fuel tank lot number and weld condition inspection. If fuel tank replacement is necessary, it will take approximately 2-½ additional hours. However, it may take longer. If necessary, Mazda will provide alternate transportation while your vehicle is at an authorized Mazda dealership for this inspection/repair.

What should you do?

Mazda is concerned about your safety, and we encourage you to contact any authorized Mazda dealer to schedule an appointment to have your Mazda3 vehicle inspected as soon as possible. You do not need to bring this notice to the dealer, but it may assist in the check-in process.

Emission Law Information: To ensure your full protection under the emission warranty made applicable to your vehicle by State or Federal Law, and your right to participate in future recalls, it is recommended you have your vehicle or engine serviced as soon as possible. Failure to do so could be determined as lack of proper maintenance of your vehicle. Also, your vehicle may fail a state or local emission inspection if this recall is not completed.

Important notice to owners registering vehicles in California and Massachusetts: California Department of Motor Vehicles and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in conjunction with the California Air Resources Board and the Environmental Protection Agency for the State of Massachusetts, have implemented the Registration Renewal/Recall Tie-In Program, which requires the completion of Emission Recalls prior to registration renewal. Mazda dealers will provide a Vehicle Emission Recall - Proof of Correction Certificate upon completion of the recall. Be sure to keep the proof of correction certificate provided by the Mazda Dealer until needed for the registration renewal process.

What if you already paid for repair on fuel tank?

If you have already paid for repair or replacement of the fuel tank due to fuel leakage from ICV weld, prior to receiving this notice, you may be eligible for reimbursement of reasonable repair expenses based on Mazda's repair standards. Please complete the enclosed "Reimbursement Application Form", include the necessary documentation, and mail it to us in the pre-addressed envelope provided, allowing 6-8 weeks for processing.

Where is the closest Mazda dealer?

To locate your nearest Mazda dealer, visit our web site and use our "Locate a Dealer" feature at www.MazdaRecallInfo.com or consult your local yellow pages.

Moved or no longer own this vehicle?

If you have moved or no longer own your Mazda vehicle, please complete and mail the enclosed postage-paid *Information Change Card* (no envelope required) as soon as possible. This enables us to update our records and notify the current owner.

Federal law requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

Still have questions?

If you have any questions regarding this campaign, please contact our Customer Experience Center toll free at (800) 222-5500, select option #6. If Mazda or its dealers do not repair the defect free of charge and within a reasonable amount of time, you may notify the Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., Washington, DC 20590; or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327- 4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

We actively work to improve our products and search for solutions to improve your ownership experience. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this recall may cause you.

Sincerely,

Mazda North American Operations