



U.S. Department of Transportation
**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Stephen Worrall
Bentley Motors, Inc.
2200 Ferdinand Porsche Drive
Herndon, VA 02116

NEF-150JK
19V-033

Subject: Rear Seat Belt Buckle May Detach/FMVSS 210

Dear Mr. Worrall:

This letter serves to acknowledge Bentley Motors, Inc.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

BENTLEY/MULSANNE/2012-2018

Mfr's Report Date: January 15, 2019

NHTSA Campaign Number: 19V-033

Components:

SEAT BELTS:REAR

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1,059

Problem Description:

Bentley Motors, Inc. (Bentley) is recalling certain 2012-2018 Bentley Mulsanne vehicles. In the event of a crash, the rear seat belt anchor may detach from the vehicle. As such, these vehicles fail to comply to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 210, "Seat Belt Assembly Anchorages."

Consequence:

In the event of a crash, if the rear seat belt buckle detaches, the seat occupant would have an increased risk of injury.

Remedy:

Bentley will notify owners, and dealers will improve the strength of the rear seat belt mounting by adding an additional reinforcement panel to the body structure, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in March 2019. Owners may contact Bentley Customer Service at 1-800-777-6923. Bentley's number for this recall is RE 19/01.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

We have received Bentley's proposed owner notification letter and have approved it for distribution.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

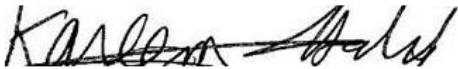
Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

The information in your report suggests that Bentley may have been aware of this issue more than five business days before filing a report with NHTSA. Please be reminded that under Federal law, this agency is to be notified of all safety defect and/or noncompliance decisions within five business days. 49 CFR 573.6

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Jennifer Kruger who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-2461, or by email at jennifer.kruger@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Kareem Habib
Acting Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement