

Status Report – Recall 19V-343

September 18, 2019

On May 2, 2019, Suzuki Motor of America, Inc. (SMAI) submitted a Part 573 report concerning the potential for the Occupant Classification System (OCS) in 2010-2013 Suzuki Kizashi vehicles to misclassify adult occupants in the front passenger seat as child occupants, due to the seating posture/position of the adult occupants, resulting in suppression of the front passenger air bag.

As of this date, SMAI is still unable to amend its Part 573 report to provide certain required information: a description of a recall remedy and a schedule for notification of Service Providers and vehicle owners.

Since submission of the original Part 573 report, Suzuki Motor Corporation (SMC) has had discussions with the supplier of the Kizashi OCS, Continental Automotive, about developing a recall remedy. Continental informed Suzuki that their business operations have changed such that development and production of a countermeasure would require a very long lead time.

SMC found Continental's estimated schedule unacceptable, and began an independent study to evaluate whether an OCS from another Suzuki model can be adapted for use in the Kizashi. SMC currently estimates that the evaluation of the ability of this possible countermeasure to improve the robustness of occupant classification for the Kizashi can be completed by the end of November 2019. If improved robustness is confirmed, SMC will conduct reliability testing, which it currently expects can be completed by the end of April 2020.