



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Nathan Knight  
Porsche Cars North America, Inc.  
One Porsche Drive  
Atlanta, GA 30354

NEF-150JK  
18V-287

**Subject:** Stress Corrosion Cracking of Control Arm Shafts

Dear Mr. Knight:

This letter serves to acknowledge Porsche Cars North America, 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:**  
PORSCHE/918 SPYDER/2015

**Mfr's Report Date:** May 3, 2018

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 18V-287

**Components:**  
SUSPENSION:FRONT:CONTROL ARM  
SUSPENSION:REAR

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 305

**Problem Description:**

Porsche Cars North America, Inc. (Porsche) is recalling certain 2015 Porsche 918 Spyder vehicles. The connecting shafts of the longitudinal and transverse control arms may fail due to stress corrosion cracking, impacting vehicle handling.

**Consequence:**

If the control arm connecting shafts crack, affecting vehicle handling, it can increase the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Porsche will notify owners, and dealers will replace the longitudinal and transverse control arms, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact Porsche customer service at 1-800-767-7243. Porsche's number for this recall is AJ04.

**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](http://www.safercar.gov).

We have received Porsche's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

Your Defect Information report states that "There are no plans for customer reimbursement, as Porsche is not aware of any cases occurring in the US." Just because you do not know of it happening, you can't say that you will not reimburse owners.

Please provide the part numbers of the affected parts.

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).

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available. Please be reminded that it is required that owners be notified of a safety defect in their vehicles within 60 days of a manufacturer's notification to NHTSA of a safety defect in those vehicles.

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](mailto:jennifer.kruger@dot.gov) or through the office email at [rmd.odi@dot.gov](mailto:rmd.odi@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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Chief, Recall Management Division  
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Enforcement