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2009 Mazda3 Dynamic Stability Control Compliance Recall 5509E (First Notification)

Dear Mazda Owner:

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

Mazda Motor Corporation has decided that 2009 Mazda3 vehicles, equipped with Dynamic Stability Control (DSC) and produced from July 1, 2008 through November 24, 2008, fail to conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 126, "Electronic Stability Control Systems".

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

What is Dynamic Stability Control?

The Dynamic Stability Control (DSC) automatically controls braking and engine torque in conjunction with systems such as ABS and TCS to help control side slip when driving on slippery surfaces, or during sudden or evasive maneuvering, enhancing vehicle safety.

What is the problem?

All 2009 Mazda3 vehicles equipped with Dynamic Stability Control (excluding MAZDASPEED3) fail to comply with FMVSS126, "Electronic Stability Control Systems", section S5.2.1 and S5.2.2. When tested per the procedure for FMVSS126, the yaw rate measured exceeded the test standards. Yaw rate is used by the module to measure side slip.

What will Mazda do?

The service parts (DSC control module) are currently in short supply, and expected to be available around September 2009. When the parts become available, Mazda will send a 2nd notification. The 2nd notification will instruct you to make an appointment with any authorized Mazda dealer to have the DSC control module replaced. The repair will be performed on your vehicle free of charge.

What should you do?

Unless your DSC light is illuminated continue to drive your Mazda3 vehicle until the recall is performed. If your DSC light is on please contact an authorized Mazda dealer.

Where is the closest Mazda dealer?

To locate your nearest Mazda dealer, visit our web site and try our "Locate a Dealer" feature at www.MazdaUSA.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 the enclosed prepaid *Information Change Card* 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 Assistance Center at (800) 222-5500, 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. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience this recall may have caused you.

Sincerely,

Mazda North American Operations