

Australian safety regulator orders unrelated recalls from four automakers

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Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) orders more recalls.

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) has ordered unrelated recalls of several models from four brands: Mazda, Hyundai, Toyota and Jaguar Land Rover. Affected models include Mazda's CX-3, CX-9, and Mazda2, sold in the country between 22 February 2013 and 15 December 2015, over issues affecting suspension. Mazda reports that the lower nut and bolt



that secures the front suspension strut to the steering knuckle may not have been tightened properly, which may cause the nut to loosen and fall off. The issue could affect one or both sides of the front suspension, potentially causing the front shock absorber and steering knuckle to separate, which could result in a loss of steering control. Hyundai's ix35 sport utility vehicle (SUVs) meanwhile has been recalled over a potential manufacturing defect with the transmission oil cooler hose. Prolonged use could lead to fluid leakage, which could potentially cause a mechanical failure of the transmission. Other recalls include Lexus's ES350, manufactured between September 2015 and 25 February 2016, over faulty brake actuators and Jaguar's 2016-17 model year XE and XF over an issue with the fuel feed hose, which could potentially detach from the fuel filter causing leakage. Jaguar plans to fix the issue by adding a spring wire retention clip to the joint.

Significance: The ACCC issued these recall notices between 6 and 13 April. All of the automakers are planning to notify owners of the affected vehicles, who will be able to have their vehicles repaired free of charge at dealers throughout the country. Hyundai's recall comes after the automaker issued a recall for around 37,334 units of the i30 model in Australia over a possible defect in the electronic stability control (ESC) system last month.

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