

Mazda North American Operations

July 8, 2005

2004-2005 RX-8 Stop Delivery-Hold

Dear Mazda Dealer,

We regret to inform you that you must immediately suspend retail delivery of 2004-2005 RX-8 models in your inventory. Mazda has decided to conduct a recall on the 2004-2005 RX-8 for Thermal Damage.

On certain 2004-2005 model year RX-8, if the vehicle is parked and the engine is idled at high RPMs, excessive heat build-up may affect oxygen sensors, the neutral switch and back up lights. It may also lead to problems with the parking brakes, malfunctions of the gas gauge and possible damage to the fuel tank causing fuel leaks.

Beginning today, July 8, 2005, all 2004-2005 RX-8 vehicles in your inventory must be inspected and repaired (if necessary) prior to customer delivery. Selling or leasing subject vehicles without performing the necessary inspection and/or repair is prohibited. Failure to perform applicable recalls before delivery can result in extensive dealer fines and penalties from the Federal Government.

Preliminary repair instructions for some vehicles will be sent early next week.

Once 2004-2005 RX-8 dealer inventory has been inspected and repaired (if necessary), customer delivery may begin. Mazda will initiate the recall campaign to address retailed vehicles in August 2005. We apologize for any inconvenience that this stop delivery may cause, and we appreciate your cooperation in the interest of safety and customer satisfaction.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'David Zichowski'.

David Zichowski
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