

NHTSA Investigates Miata Paint, Mazda Denies Any Problems With Car

The National Highway Safety and Transportation Agency (NHTSA) Office of Defects has recently issued a safety memo concerning the type of paint used on the 1992 Sunburst Yellow Miatas produced by Mazda. After a nine month study, it was determined that the paint produces a toxin that enters the bloodstream and causes "Musa sapientum fixa est in aure", a disease that can destroy the car owner's brain and wallet. The NHTSA has also determined that the disease can be also be transmitted to people who do not own a 1992 Sunburst Yellow, and will cause them to lust uncontrollably for their own 1992 Sunburst Yellow vehicle. At this time, scientists have not been able to stop this disease and there is no known cure.

The bad news for 1992 Sunburst Yellow owners is that the car must be stripped entirely of any Yellow paint and repainted any other Mazda color for the car to be safe to be around or own.

Mazda has not issued a recall for 1992 Miatas saying that they feel the paint on the car is safe and the testing was flawed. Since Mazda is disputing the Safety Memo, any expense incurred is the responsibility of the car owner.

We have reproduced the report below.



Office of Defects Investigation

Safety Memo

Make : MAZDA

Model : MIATA

Year : 1992

Manufacturer : MAZDA (NORTH AMERICA), INC

NHTSA CAMPAIGN ID Number : 0AF00401

Recall Date : April 1, 2005

Component: PAINT

Potential Number Of Units Affected : 1500

Summary:

VEHICLE DESCRIPTION: PASSENGER VEHICLES WITH PAINT CODE #HZ (SUNBURST YELLOW) ASSEMBLED IN HIROSHIMA, JAPAN PLANT IN THE MODEL YEAR 1992 ARE PAINTED WITH WHAT HAS BEEN DETERMINED TO BE A TOXIC PAINT.

Consequence:

PAINT RELEASES FUMES, UPON EXPOSURE, A PERSON IS INFECTED WITH A RARE DISEASE OF THE BLOODSTREAM, "MUSA SAPIENTUM FIXA EST IN AURE".

Remedy: THE VEHICLE MUST BE STRIPPED OF ALL OFFENDING PAINT. THERE IS NO ALTERNATIVE OR CURE.

Notes: MAZDA MOTOR CORPORATION DENIES THAT THIS PAINT CODE (#HZ) CAUSES SUCH PROBLEM AND IS NOT OFFERING COMPENSATION TO OWNERS OF ANY VEHICLES THAT MAY CONTAIN THIS PAINT. ALSO, STUDIES ARE CONTINUING TO SEE IF THE "VIVID YELLOW" PAINT USED IN MODEL YEAR 2002 CARS PRODUCES THE SAME DISEASE.