

Subaru, Honda Recall Vehicles Due To Brake Issues

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DETROIT (AP) — Subaru of America is recalling three of its car models and Honda Motor Co. is recalling some motorcycles, all because the brakes can malfunction.

The Honda recall covers 126,000 GL-1800 motorcycles from the 2001 to 2012 model years. A problem with a secondary brake master cylinder can cause the rear brake to drag, possibly causing a crash or fire. In documents sent to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Honda said that 26 complaints have been received, including two about fires. In one case, a customer had to put out the flames with a fire extinguisher.

The documents didn't say whether the problem caused any crashes or injuries. Messages were left Monday with Honda spokesmen for comment. The company documents say that only 4 percent of the recalled vehicles have the defective part.

The Subaru recall involves nearly 32,000 Legacy, Outback and Impreza models from the 2012 model year. A defective brake master cylinder could cause the brake pedal to travel farther than expected. Federal safety regulators say this could cause a driver to misjudge the amount of pressure needed to stop quickly.

The company says no crashes or injuries have happened, and that not all of the vehicles involved in the recall have the problem. Subaru has received 112 reports of the problem. Most are from its dealer network.

The recall does not include WRX/STI models of the Impreza.

In both cases, customers will be told to take their cars to dealers for an inspection. If necessary, the parts will be replaced. The Subaru recall will begin this month, while the Honda recall is expected to start in early January.

In addition, Nissan Motor Co. announced that it is recalling more than 7,000 of its 2011Rogue crossover vehicles in the U.S., because the electric power steering can fail.

Documents filed with NHTSA say that the circuit boards controlling the power steering may not have been installed correctly. The solder between the terminal and the circuit board can crack, causing the board to fail. "As the circuit board fails, the power steering assist feature will stop functioning, increasing the force needed to steer the vehicle and increasing the risk of a crash," the documents say.

A Nissan spokesman said there have been no reported accidents or injuries because of the defect.

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