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Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 138 *Tire Pressure Monitoring Systems*

Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 138, as found in 49 CFR 571.138, specifies performance requirements for tire pressure monitoring systems (TPMS) to warn drivers of significant under-inflation of tires and the resulting safety problems this condition can produce. The standard applies to all passenger cars, multipurpose passenger vehicles, trucks, and buses that have a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of 4,536 kilograms (10,000 pounds) or less, except for vehicles with dual wheels on an axle, that are manufactured on or after September 1, 2007.

To be eligible for importation under the blanket eligibility decisions that apply to Canadian-certified vehicles, and be thereby covered by vehicle eligibility numbers VSA-80 and VSA-81, a Canadian-certified passenger car, or a Canadian-certified multipurpose passenger vehicle, truck or bus with a GVWR of 4,536 kilograms (10,000 pounds) or less, that is manufactured on or after September 1, 2007, must be originally manufactured with a TPMS that fully complies with the requirements of FMVSS No. 138.

Any such vehicle that was not originally manufactured with an FMVSS No. 138-compliant TPMS cannot be imported under vehicle eligibility numbers VSA-80 or VSA-81 unless the vehicle has been retrofitted, prior to entry into the United States, with a TPMS identical to, and with the same part number as, the TPMS installed on vehicles manufactured for sale in the United States by the original manufacturer (OEM).

If the vehicle was not originally manufactured with an FMVSS No. 138-compliant TPMS, and an OEM TPMS is not installed in the vehicle prior to entry, the vehicle cannot be lawfully imported into the United States unless it is of a make, model, and model year that NHTSA has decided to be eligible for importation under 49 CFR Part 593 *Determinations that a Vehicle not Originally Manufactured to the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards is Eligible for Importation*. A Registered Importer (RI) may petition NHTSA to make an import eligibility decision under 49 CFR Part 593.

NHTSA has queried all manufacturers to learn which of their Canadian-certified vehicles are not equipped with FMVSS No. 138-compliant TPMS. The list of vehicles is set forth below in Appendix A. Any vehicle listed in Appendix A cannot be imported under vehicle eligibility numbers VSA-80 or VSA-81 unless an OEM TPMS is installed in the vehicle prior to entry, and the RI is able to prove, in the conformity package that it submits to NHTSA to obtain release of the DOT Conformance bond, that such a system has been installed. Acceptable proof would consist of an invoice from a franchised dealership or authorized repair facility of the original manufacturer showing that an OEM TPMS has been installed, and a photograph of the vehicle's dash showing the TPMS telltales illuminated. No DOT bond release letter will be issued for any vehicle listed in Appendix A if the vehicle is entered under VSA-80 or VSA-81 and an OEM TPMS has not been installed in the vehicle prior to entry into the United States. If OVSC receives a conformity package for any such vehicle, the RI submitting the package will be charged a processing fee, the conformity package will be returned to the RI, and the vehicle will have to be delivered to the Secretary of Homeland Security for exportation to Canada, or be destroyed, or abandoned to the United States.

NHTSA has also queried all manufacturers to learn which of their Canadian-certified vehicles had FMVSS No. 138-compliant TPMS installed as optional equipment. The list of vehicles is set forth below In Appendix B. Any vehicle listed in Appendix B cannot be imported under vehicle eligibility numbers VSA-80 or VSA-81 unless the optional FMVSS No. 138-compliant TPMS was installed on the vehicle as originally manufactured or an OEM TPMS is installed in the vehicle prior to entry, and the RI is able to prove, in the conformity package that it submits to NHTSA to obtain release of the DOT Conformance bond, that such a system has been installed. For vehicles with an optional FMVSS No. 138-compliant TPMS installed as original equipment, acceptable proof would consist of a photograph of the vehicle's dash showing the TPMS telltales illuminated. For vehicles with an OEM TPMS installed prior to entry, acceptable proof would consist of an invoice from a franchised dealership or authorized repair facility of the original manufacturer showing that an OEM TPMS has been installed, and a photograph of the vehicle's dash showing the TPMS telltales illuminated. No DOT bond release letter will be issued for any vehicle listed in Appendix B if the vehicle is entered under VSA-80 or VSA-81 and an FMVSS No. 138-compliant TPMS was not originally installed in the vehicle as optional equipment or an OEM TPMS has not been installed in the vehicle prior to entry into the United States. If OVSC receives a conformity package for any such vehicle, the RI submitting the package will be charged a processing fee, the conformity package will be returned to the RI, and the vehicle will have to be delivered to the Secretary of Homeland Security for exportation to Canada, or be destroyed, or abandoned to the United States.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Johnny Gibson at (202) 366-3556.

Appendix A: Canadian-Certified Vehicles Not Originally Manufactured with FMVSS No. 138-Compliant TPMS

MAKE	MODEL	MODEL YEAR
Acura	ILX	2013-2014
Acura	ILX HYBRID	2013-2014
Audi	A3	2008-2013
Audi	A4/S4/RS4 Convertible	2009
Audi	A6/S6/RS6	2009-2010
Chevrolet	Aveo	2008-2011
Chevrolet	Impala	2008-2009
Chevrolet	Malibu	2008
Chevrolet	Trax	2013-2015 (up to 11/23/14)
Honda	CIVIC COUPE	2008-2014
Honda	CIVIC SEDAN	2008-2014
Honda	CIVIC HYBRID	2008-2014
Honda	FIT	2008-2014
Honda	CR-Z	2011-2014
Honda	INSIGHT	2010-2014
Hyundai	Accent	2008-2015
Hyundai	Azera	2008-2015
Hyundai	Elentra	2008-2015
Hyundai	Genesis	2008-2013, 2015
Hyundai	Santa Fe	2008-2015
Hyundai	Sonata	2008-2015
Hyundai	Tiburon	2008
Hyundai	Tuscon	2008-2015
Hyundai	Veloster	2012-2015
Hyundai	Vera Cruz	2008-2012
Kia	Amanti	2008-2009
Kia	Entourage	2011
Kia	Forte	2010-2015
Kia	K900	2015
Kia	Optima	2008-2015
Kia	Rio	2008-2015
Kia	Rondo	2008-2011
Kia	Sedona	2009-2014
Kia	Sorrento	2008, 2009, 2011-2015
Kia	Soul	2010-2015
Kia	Spectra	2008-2009

MAKE	MODEL	MODEL YEAR
Kia	Sportage	2008-2015
Kia	Quoris	2014
Mazda	Mazda 2	2011--2014
Mazda	Mazda 3	2008-2014
Mazda	Mazda 5	2008-2011, 2013-2014
Mazda	Mazda 6	2008
Mazda	CX-7	2008-2012
Mazda	CX-9	2008-2014
Mazda	RX-8	2008-2011
Mazda	MX-5	2008-2014
Mazda	Tribute	2008-2011
Mercedes-Benz	C Class	2008-2014
Mercedes-Benz	CL	2008-2014
Mercedes-Benz	CLA	2014
Mercedes-Benz	CLS	2012-2014
Mercedes-Benz	B Class E- Cell	2014
Mercedes-Benz	E Class	2008-2014
Mercedes-Benz	F-Cell	2011
Mercedes-Benz	G55 AMG	2008-2011
Mercedes-Benz	G Class	2008-2014
Mercedes-Benz	GL	2008-2013
Mercedes-Benz	GLK	2012-2014
Mercedes-Benz	M Class	2008-2011
Mercedes-Benz	Maybach	2008-2012
Mercedes-Benz	ML	2012-2014
Mercedes-Benz	R320	2008-2009
Mercedes-Benz	R350	2008-2012
Mercedes-Benz	S Class	2008-2013
Mercedes-Benz	SL	2011-2014
Mercedes-Benz	SLK	2008-2014
Mercedes-Benz	SLS	2011-2014
Mercedes-Benz	Smart for Two	2009-2014
Mercedes-Benz	Sprinter	2013-2014
Mitsubishi	Mirage	2014
Nissan	Sentra	2008-2013
Nissan	Versa	2008-2014
Pontiac	G3/Wave	2008-2010
Pontiac	G5/Pursuit	2010
Pontiac	Solstice	2008
Pontiac	Vibe	2008
Pontiac	Sky	2008
Scion	tC	2011-2014

MAKE	MODEL	MODEL YEAR
Subaru	BRZ	2013-2014
Subaru	Forester	2008-2014
Subaru	Impreza	2008-2014
Subaru	Legacy	2008-2014
Subaru	Outback	2008-2014
Subaru	XV Crosstrek	2013-2014
Toyota	Yaris	2008-2014
Toyota	Camry	2008-2014
Toyota	Corolla	2012-2013
Toyota	RAV4	2008-2014
Volkswagen	Jetta 5	2008--2011
Volkswagen	Jetta 6	2011-2015
Volkswagen	Jetta 5/6 Sportswagon	2008-2014
Volkswagen	Golf 5	2008-2010
Volkswagen	Golf 6	2010-2014
Volkswagen	Beetle (PQ34)	2008-2011
Volkswagen	Beetle (PQ35)	2012-2015
Volkswagen	Eos	2008-2015
Volkswagen	CC	2008-2015
Volkswagen	Passat	2011--2013
Volkswagen	Tiguan	2008-2014
Volkswagen	Touareg	2008-2015

Appendix B: Canadian-Certified Vehicles on which FMVSS No. 138-Compliant TPMS was available as Optional Equipment

MAKE	MODEL	MODEL YEAR
Audi	A3	2015
Audi	A4/S4/RS4	2008-2015
Audi	A4/S4/RS4 Convertible	2008
Audi	A5/S5/RS5	2009-2015
Audi	Q5	2013-2015
Audi	A6/S6/RS6	2008, 2011
Audi	A8/S8	2008-2010
Buick	Encore	2014-2015
Chevrolet	Cobalt	2008-2010
Chevrolet	Cruze	2011-2014
Chevrolet	Equinox	2010-2013
Chevrolet	HHR	2008-2011
Chevrolet	Impala	2010-2013
Chevrolet	Malibu	2009-2013
Chevrolet	Optra	2008
Chevrolet	Orlando LT	2012-2014
Chevrolet	Sonic	2012-2014
GMC	Terrain	2010-2014
Pontiac	G5/Pursuit	2008-2009
Pontiac	G6	2009
Pontiac	Vibe	2009-2010
Saturn	Aura	2009
Toyota	Corolla	2009-2011, 2014
Toyota	Matrix	2008-2014