

Web-weaving spiders force Suzuki recall

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Spiders whose webs clog up fuel tank vents have forced Suzuki to recall some 19,000 2010-2013 Kizashi sedans in the United States.

The Japanese automaker said Wednesday that the arachnids can weave webs in a vent hose running from a car's <u>gasoline tank</u>, blocking it and causing the tank to build up negative pressure as fuel is used.



The result could be a crack in the tank and leaking fuel that poses a fire hazard, the company said.

In the recall it promises to replace tanks where <u>spider</u> web clogs are found, or replace the evaporative canister vent line on other cars with a safer model.

Suzuki did not say what kind of spider caused the problem, but in the past similar reports pinpointed the yellow sac spider, a poisonous species apparently attracted to gasoline fumes.

In 2011 Mazda recalled 65,000 cars in the United States, Canada and Mexico for an identical problem.

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