



U.S. Department of Transportation
**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215KS
13E-017

Subject: Passenger Side Airbag Inflator may Rupture

Dear Mr. Higuchi:

This letter serves to acknowledge Takata Corporation's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:
TAKATA/AIR BAG INFLATOR/9999

Mfr's Report Date: April 11, 2013

NHTSA Campaign Number: 13E-017

Components:
AIR BAGS

Potential Number of Units Affected: N/A

Problem Description:

Takata has determined that certain passenger side air bag inflators it manufactured and supplied to various vehicle manufacturers for use in passenger air bags may produce excessive internal pressure causing the inflators to rupture upon deployment of the air bag.

Consequence:

In the event of a crash necessitating deployment of the passenger's air bag, the inflator could rupture with metal fragments striking and potentially seriously injuring the passenger seat occupant or other occupants.

Remedy:

Owners of all vehicles on which a defective air bag may have been installed either as original equipment, or as a replacement, will be notified by their respective vehicle manufacturers. Dealers will inspect vehicles, and where a defective air bag inflator is identified, the inflator will be replaced, free of charge. Owners may contact their vehicle manufacturer for more information.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

We understand that Takata will not be conducting this safety recall and that all quarterly recall completion rate reporting will be conducted by the affected vehicle manufacturers.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins and other communications that relate to this recall are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer).

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at kelly.schuler@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement