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Takata ASM Reference Guide for

Safety Recall DLC/DSC(D3C)/ELG Front Passenger Air Bag Inflator Module

The following information is being provided to help dealership associates understand the differences between the multiple Takata actions Lexus has announced.

- This information can also be found in all corresponding documents posted on TIS.
- Additionally it is available through the Knowledge Center Tab in the Service Lane on TIS.



Safety Recall DSC (D3C) (Supplement to DLC) - **Supplemental Service Advisor Reference**
 2002 through certain 2003 Model Year and One 2004 Model Year SC 430 Vehicles
 Front Passenger Air Bag Inflator Module



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Safety Recall Overview:

In April 2013, Lexus announced a nationwide Safety Recall (DLC) to inspect and, as necessary, replace front passenger air bag inflator modules manufactured for Lexus by Takata Corporation. In June 2014, the recall remedy was revised to replace all inflators regardless of inspection results. The revision of the remedy was announced as a new Safety Recall DSC (D3C). All vehicles that did not receive a replacement inflator under DLC were included in DSC (D3C).

Safety Recall
DSC (D3C)

Nationwide

In cooperation with NHTSA, Lexus also launched in June 2014, a Limited Regional Recall ELC covering an expanded model year range for certain areas with high levels of absolute humidity to study the possible correlation of abnormal inflator deployment to environmental factors. As part of these actions, Lexus recovered air bag inflators for further investigations by Takata. Testing found some inflators from South Florida to perform abnormally during deployment.

Safety Recall
ELC

Regiona

Not Active - Superseded by ELG

The geographic concentration of inflators with abnormal performance in areas with consistently high absolute humidity warranted priority replacement in these areas. Therefore, Lexus has launched superseding Safety Recall (ELG) which involves vehicles originally sold in or currently registered in areas that are exposed to consistent High Absolute Humidity encompassing the Gulf Coastal and island areas. These vehicles were previously included in Safety Recalls DLC/DSC and ELC.

Safety Recall
ELG

Regional

The map below provides a visual representation of the areas which have been included in Superseding Safety Recall ELG (Red Area). The yellow portion of the map represents an approximate geographic representation of vehicles covered by Safety Recall DSC (D3C).

Safety Recall DSC:
2002 - 2003 and One 2004 SC 430

Safety Recall ELG:
2002 - 2005 SC 430



Legend

 = DSC (D3C)

 = ELG

Note: This map is provided for reference purposes only. The inclusion of vehicles in Safety Recall ELG and DSC (D3C) may differ from the visual representation shown on the map. Always verify vehicle campaign applicability using the Technical Information System (TIS).

Q1: *Is the remedy different between DSC and ELG?*

A1: No, all vehicles involved in DSC and ELG will receive a replacement passenger Air Bag Inflator as parts become available. At this time Lexus has a limited number of inflators; therefore, we are first focusing on the ELG area, because testing of some recovered inflators from South Florida experienced abnormal performance. In the event parts are not available, Lexus is also offering passenger airbag disablement for the areas covered in ELG only.

Q2: *Why is Lexus offering Passenger Air Bag Disablement only for vehicles in Superseding Safety Recall ELG?*

A2: At this time, Lexus has a very limited supply of replacement air bag inflators which are being sent to the ELG areas to assist customers there. We are offering customers in these areas a temporary option to have their passenger air bag inflator disabled.

Airbag disablement is an extraordinary measure and only is being offered in the ELG areas as a "short term" solution when parts are not available. *The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has granted Lexus permission to temporarily disable airbags only in these areas, but no others.*

Q3: *Which vehicles from Safety Recall DSC (D3C) are now covered by Superseding Safety Recall ELG?*

A3: Approximately 10,519 vehicles originally involved in DSC (D3C) are now involved in Superseding Safety Recall ELG. Vehicle transferred to ELG were originally sold in or currently registered in areas of High Absolute Humidity, encompassing the following: Coastal Areas around the Gulf of Mexico for Texas, Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, and Louisiana. In addition it will include Florida, Puerto Rico, Guam, Saipan, American Samoa, Virgin Islands and Hawaii.

Q4: *When does Lexus anticipate the remedy will be available?*

A4: Lexus is currently working on obtaining the remedy parts for this Safety Recall. The expected parts availability date for locations beyond the ELG areas is early next year.

Q5: *What is absolute humidity?*

A5: The measure of the water vapor content in the air is known as absolute humidity, and it is displayed in grams of water vapor per cubic meter of air. Higher temperature, southern coastal-type climates consistently experience the greatest concentrations of water vapor in the air, as warmer ambient air can hold more water.

Note: relative humidity is simply a percentage value and is related to current or measured temperature; therefore, areas with high relative humidity do not necessarily have high absolute humidity.