

BMW Group

March 24, 2010

George Person
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Ave., S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Takata Inflators - Follow-up Letter

RQ09-004

Dear Mr. Person:

This letter serves as a follow-up to our March 5, 2010 letter to you in which we informed NHTSA that BMW was made aware of a matter pertaining to driver air bag inflators involving Honda and its supplier Takata, due to the fact that Takata is also a supplier of similar inflators to BMW and is therefore required by Part 573 to inform NHTSA. Our March 5th letter stated that we had requested specific information from Takata as to why they believe BMW vehicles were not affected and that we would provide an update to NHTSA as soon as we had an opportunity to receive and review that information.

Takata has now supplied appropriate documentation to BMW which substantiates their findings that BMW vehicles are not affected. Air bag inflators produced by Takata for BMW were manufactured on October 5, 2001, which was outside of the time period of inflator production in late 2000 / early 2001 (the time period involving the production of the questionable inflators supplied to Honda). This is also consistent with our field information in which we are unaware of any incidents involving a malfunction of these specific inflators which is markedly different from the field experience of Honda as noted in 08V-593 and 09V-259.

Should you have any questions at this time, please contact me at (201) 571-5360, or Martin Rapaport of my staff at (201) 571-5208.

Sincerely,



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