



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Mike Rains
Takata Corporation
2500 Takata Drive
Auburn Hills, MI 48326

NVS-215MR
15E-040

Subject: Driver's Frontal Air Bag Inflator may Rupture

Dear Mr. Rains:

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/PSDI INFLATOR/9999
TAKATA/PSDI-4 INFLATOR/9999
TAKATA/PSDI-4K INFLATOR/9999

Mfr's Report Date: May 18, 2015

NHTSA Campaign Number: 15E-040

Components:

AIR BAGS:FRONTAL:DRIVER SIDE INFLATOR MODULE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 17,600,000

Problem Description:

Takata Corporation (Takata) has determined that the batwing-shaped propellant in some PSDI, PSDI-4, and PSDI-4K air bag inflators assembled as part of the frontal driver air bag module, and used as original equipment, replacement equipment, or as a remedy part for a prior recall, may rupture from exposure to persistent conditions of high absolute humidity and/or due to manufacturing variability.

Consequence:

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

Remedy:

Takata will be working with vehicle manufacturers to identify into which vehicles the affected inflators were installed either as original equipment, replacement equipment, or as a recall remedy part. As this work progresses, numerous vehicle recalls will likely be announced by the impacted vehicle manufacturers. NHTSA will supply this information as soon as possible. NOTE: This recall is in addition to prior recalls 08V-593, 09V-259, 10V-041, 11V-260, 14V-343, 14V-344, 14V-348, 14V-351, 14V-802, 14V-817 and 15V-153.

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.

This recall was the subject of an engineering analysis, EA15-001, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

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

Please be reminded of the following requirement:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, 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, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

Your contact for this recall will be Michelle Rice who may be reached by phone at 202-366-1060, or by email at michelle.rice@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".

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