



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

May 19, 2015

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

NVS-215MR
15E-041

Subject: Passenger 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/SPI AIR BAG INFLATOR/9999

Mfr's Report Date: May 18, 2015

NHTSA Campaign Number: 15E-041

Components:

AIR BAGS:PASSENGER SIDE FRONTAL

Potential Number of Units Affected: 7,700,000

Problem Description:

Takata Corporation (Takata) has determined that some model SPI air bag inflators assembled as part of the passenger frontal air bag module for model year 2001-2008 vehicles, and used as original or replacement equipment during service, 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 passenger side frontal air bag, the inflator could rupture with metal fragments striking and potentially seriously injuring the vehicle occupants.

Remedy:

Takata will be working with vehicle manufacturers to identify into which vehicles the affected inflators were installed, either as original or replacement equipment during service. 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 13V-133, 13V-136, 14V-312, 14V-340, 14V-343, 14V-350, 14V-361, 14V-399, 14V-421, 14V-471, 14V-655, 14V-701, 14V-752, 14V-763, 14V-770, 14V-787, 15V-226, 13E-017, and 14E-073.

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.

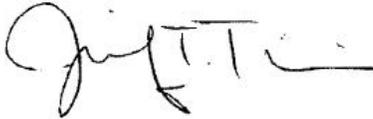
We understand that Takata will not be conducting this safety recall and that all quarterly recall completion rate reporting will be submitted by the affected vehicle manufacturers that are conducting the safety recalls.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

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". 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