



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. John Garner
Deputy General Counsel
Continental Automotive Systems, Inc.
21440 West Lake Cook Road
Deer Park, IL 60010

NVS-215MR
16E-007

Subject: Air Bag Control Unit Power Supply Corrosion

Dear Mr. Garner:

This letter serves to acknowledge Continental Automotive Systems, Inc.'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:

CONTINENTAL AUTOMOTIVE/AIR BAG CONTROL UNIT/9999

Mfr's Report Date: January 25, 2016

NHTSA Campaign Number: 16E-007

Components:

AIR BAGS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 5,000,000

Problem Description:

Continental Automotive Systems, Inc. (Continental) is recalling certain Air Bag Control Units (ABCU) manufactured January 1, 2006, to December 31, 2010. The affected units have a power supply component that may corrode and result in the failure of the ABCU.

Consequence:

If the air bag control unit fails, safety systems such as seat belt pretensioners and air bags may not deploy in the event of a crash, increasing the risk of occupant injury. Additionally, in some vehicles, the air bags may inadvertently deploy, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Continental will notify the vehicle manufacturers that installed the air bag control units into vehicles. The affected vehicle manufacturers will file recalls for these vehicles and notify their customers and replace the air bag control units. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule.

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.

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).

Please provide an estimated date of when you will notify the affected vehicle manufacturers.

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 large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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