



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

February 5, 2016

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

NVS-215MR  
16E-009

**Subject:** Seat-Mounted Side 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/SSI-20 SIDE INFLATOR/9999

**Mfr's Report Date:** February 3, 2016

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 16E-009

**Components:**

AIR BAGS:SIDE/WINDOW

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 1,129

**Problem Description:**

Takata Corporation (Takata) is recalling certain seat-mounted, SSI-20 design type, Side Air Bag Inflators manufactured December 13, 2014, to December 14, 2014. A suspected manufacturing error during production of certain inflator lots may result in unusually high pressures in the inflators upon deployment of the side air bags. This over pressure could cause the inflator to rupture, causing metal fragments to be propelled into the passenger compartment.

**Consequence:**

An inflator rupture may result in metal fragments striking the driver or other occupants resulting in serious injury or death.

**Remedy:**

Takata is working with the vehicle manufacturers that used these inflators in their vehicles. Those manufacturers are contacting their vehicle owners and their dealers will replace the seat-mounted side air bag inflators, free of charge. General Motors vehicles are covered by recall 15V-666 and Volkswagen vehicles are covered by recall 16V-045.

**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](http://www.safercar.gov).

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

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