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Information: *EFC17726 National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Jilin Province
Detiannuo Automobile Safety System Co. (DTN) Airbag Alert*

Target Dealer Group: All Ford & Lincoln Dealers

Target Audience: Dealer Principals, General Managers, Parts & Service Directors, Used Car Managers, Service Managers, Parts Managers

Target Dept(s): ☐ New Sales ☒ Used Sales ☐ Ford Pro ☐ Finance ☒ Parts ☒ Service
☐ Warranty ☐ Training

ACTION REQUESTED

- **Dealers:** Inform your Parts Managers and Service Teams.
- **Service Managers:** Recommended best practice is to implement a review process for all used vehicle inventory history reports to identify vehicles with a history of air bag deployments or salvage/rebuilt titles.
- **Parts Managers:** Recommended best practice is to establish an inspection protocol to verify that any replacement air bag inflators in identified vehicles are genuine Ford parts and not the prohibited DTN-manufactured components.

SUMMARY

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DETAILS

NHTSA issued an urgent industry alert warning all vehicle dealerships, mechanics, and distributors not to install air bag inflators from DTN and to inspect used vehicles with previous air bag deployments to ensure that they have legitimate replacement inflators. NHTSA issued a press release April 2, 2026, with its current findings from its investigation into replacement air bag inflators from China that were installed in vehicles in the United States, and has created a webpage for further information on this issue. Ford is not currently aware of any DTN airbag issues in Ford vehicles.

NHTSA is now aware of ten drivers who were killed in otherwise survivable crashes, while two other drivers suffered severe injuries. Each vehicle had its original equipment air bag replaced after a previous crash. Although all known crashes have occurred in Chevrolet Malibu and Hyundai Sonata vehicles with salvage or rebuilt titles, NHTSA does not have information to suggest the risk is limited just to these makes and models. The agency issued a Consumer Alert to used car buyers and owners after the two crashes in December claimed the lives of two more drivers of vehicles with DTN replacement air bag inflators likely illegally imported from China.

For dealers, it is important to know the history of vehicles in your inventory. If a vehicle has been in a previous crash where the air bag deployed, it should be inspected immediately for one of these inflators, especially if it has a salvage or rebuilt title. If you find a DTN inflator, the vehicle should not be driven until the inflator is replaced with genuine parts.

Because these parts are installed *after* a car leaves the factory, a standard vehicle identification number check will not tell you if a vehicle has a DTN inflator. You must review the vehicle's history report to look for:

- Previous crashes or "total loss" events.

- Air bag deployment history.
- A salvage title.
- Repairs performed at non-certified service centers.

NHTSA urges used vehicle owners and buyers to learn their vehicle's history and ensure the vehicle has genuine air bag inflators. Owners or buyers not familiar with their vehicle's history should obtain a history report. A vehicle should be inspected if it was in a previous crash with an air bag deployment since 2020 and was not repaired by one of the manufacturer's dealerships. If a vehicle has been in a previous crash where the air bag deployed, it should be inspected by a reputable mechanic immediately to ensure the air bag is a legitimate replacement equivalent to the original.

REFERENCES

- NHTSA [Recommended Technician Guidance](#)
- NHTSA website: [Deadly Air Bag Inflator Replacements: What to Know | NHTSA](#)
- NHTSA [April 2, 2026 Press Release](#)
- NHTSA [January 13, 2026 Consumer Alert](#)
- NHTSA investigation website: [EA25-005 DTN Air Bag Inflator Rupture](#)

QUESTIONS

If you know of the sale or distribution of DTN inflators or encounter a vehicle with one of these suspect parts, contact the [local Homeland Security Investigations office](#) or [FBI field office](#) to report it, or submit an online complaint to the [National Intellectual Property Rights Coordination Center](#). Also, report it to NHTSA [online](#) or by calling the agency's Vehicle Safety Hotline at [888-327-4236](#), Monday through Friday, 8 am to 8 pm ET.