

Subaru of America has announced an expansion of an existing recall that includes 2005 model year Saab 9-2X vehicles. These vehicles were manufactured by Subaru of America and marketed by General Motors. The subject vehicles are equipped with front passenger air bag SPI inflators that are described in a Part 573 Defect Information Report (NHTSA Recall No. 15E041) submitted by Takata on May 18, 2015. As a result, GM is conducting a safety recall.

This recall expands the existing 14525 and 15036 regional recalls to a national recall for the 2005 Saab 9-2X. Details of the transition from recall 15036 to 15040 for the Saab 2005 will be provided in future communications.

The earlier regional recall included vehicles with registration history in areas of high absolute humidity. Consistent with other automotive manufacturers involved in regional recalls of Takata front passenger air bag inflators, this new recall will include all areas of the U.S. and Canada.

Subaru's report filed with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration provides the following description of the condition and the resulting safety risk:

The subject vehicles are equipped with front passenger air bag SPI inflators which are described in a Part 573 Defect Information Report (NHTSA Recall No. 15E041) submitted by Takata on May 18, 2015. The propellant wafers in some of the subject inflators may experience an alteration over time, which could potentially lead to overaggressive combustion in the event of an air bag deployment. Depending on the circumstances, this potential condition could create excessive internal pressure when the air bag is deployed, which could result in the body of the inflator rupturing upon deployment. Based upon Takata's investigation to date, the potential for such ruptures may occur in some of the subject inflators after several years of exposure to persistent conditions of high absolute humidity. Takata is also aware of a potential issue associated with the inflator body internal tape seals on some SPI inflators. During its investigation, Takata observed a small number of tape seal leaks in SPI inflators manufactured prior to 2007. These leaks were discovered during leak testing in 2014, as part of the Takata returned inflator evaluation program. Leaks have been found in SPI inflators returned from several of the vehicle manufacturers. Such a leak can increase the potential for moisture to reach the main propellant wafers,

possibly in areas outside of the highest absolute humidity States. In the event of a crash necessitating deployment of the passenger side frontal air bag, the subject propellant wafers could cause the inflator to rupture with metal fragments striking and potentially seriously injuring the vehicle occupants.

Saab Official Service Centers are to replace the vehicle's front passenger air bag inflator at no charge to the vehicle owner. Parts are not currently available. Further information will be forthcoming regarding part availability.

General Motors has notified the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) about the upcoming safety recall that involves 2005 Model Saab 9-2X vehicles. The GM recall number is 15442 and the Saab recall number is 15040.

It is a violation of federal law for a dealer to deliver a new motor vehicle or any new or used item of motor vehicle equipment (including a tire) covered by this notification under a sale or lease until the defect or noncompliance is remedied.

As required by the National Highway Traffic Safety Agency (NHTSA), GM will begin notifying involved customers of this safety recall on by July 27, 2015 or sooner. This letter will advise customers that parts are not currently available and that they will receive a follow up letter when parts are available.

The Orio "Inquiry By Chassis" screen will not be updated until the recall bulletin is released. However, please be advised that vehicle owners may see this recall on the GM Owner Website or the NHTSA Website.