

CERTAIN 2006-2009 MKZ/ZEPHYR VEHICLES – PASSENGER AIRBAG MODULE REPLACEMENT

OVERVIEW

Takata has determined that the propellant wafers in some airbag inflators may experience an alteration over time, which could potentially lead to an over-aggressive combustion in the event of a crash that requires airbag deployment. This potential condition could create excessive internal pressure when the airbag is deployed, which could result in the body of the inflator rupturing upon deployment increasing the risk of injury to occupants.

Dealers are to replace the passenger airbag module. The serial number from the new airbag module must be recorded on the repair order. Place the replaced airbag module into the packaging from the new part and provide to the appropriate dealership personnel for part returns.

NOTE: For vehicles that the airbags have deployed or that have other modifications preventing the recall repair from being completed, submit a VIN specific request to the SSSC Web Contact Site prior to attempting a repair. Attach pictures of the vehicles airbag modules to the request.

SERVICE PROCEDURE

NOTE: The following repair instructions only apply to 2006-2009 MKZ/Zephyr vehicles. Repair instructions will be published in separate attachments for other vehicle lines included in this recall as parts become available for those vehicles.

NOTE: The parts used in this safety recall may physically appear to be identical, but they have differing operating characteristics. It is crucial that parts are not interchanged or substituted.



WARNING: Failure to follow the instructions and warnings in the Workshop Manual (WSM) may result in injury.

NOTE: If the Airbag Readiness light indicates no Supplemental Restraint System (SRS) faults are present, it is not necessary to follow the WSM SRS Depowering and Repowering steps. Turn the ignition to OFF and wait 1 minute, then it is safe to proceed with airbag inflator replacement.

NOTE: The ignition must remain OFF until this service procedure is completed.



1. Record the 13 character serial number of the new airbag module on the repair order. See Figure 1.
2. Replace the passenger airbag module. Refer to section 501-20B of the Workshop Manual.

NEW ! NOTE: Use caution when removing the 5 instrument panel trim panel fasteners or the studs may strip out. Submit a contact to the SSSC if damage to the trim panel does occur.

3. Package the replaced airbag module in the new part box and provide to the appropriate dealership personnel for part returns.



FIGURE 1

