



Ford Issues Safety Recall in North America for Certain 2006 Ford Ranger Vehicles with Takata Airbag Inflators; Advises Customers to Stop Driving and Contact Dealers for Immediate Repairs

DEARBORN, Mich., Jan. 11, 2018 – Ford Motor Company has identified approximately 3,000 2006 model year Ranger vehicles in North America with airbag inflators that pose higher risk of rupturing in the event of a crash. We take this matter very seriously and are advising owners of these specific 2006 Ford Rangers to stop driving their vehicles so dealers can make repairs immediately. Parts are available now, and dealers are prepared to get vehicles directly from customers, make permanent repairs that will resolve the safety risk and provide a free interim loaner vehicle, if necessary.

Ford is taking this action because there have been two fatalities caused by driver airbag inflator ruptures from Takata inflators built on the same day. On Dec. 22, Ford was notified of a crash in West Virginia that happened on July 1, 2017 involving a 2006 Ford Ranger built in North America with a ruptured non-desiccated Takata driver-side inflator. Ford inspected the vehicle on Dec. 27, confirmed that the inflator ruptured resulting in a driver fatality and notified NHTSA. This is the second fatality reported to Ford due to a Takata inflator rupture. The prior fatality was reported in January 2016.

Ford is saddened by these tragic losses and offers its sincere condolences to the drivers' families.

Affected vehicles include certain 2006 Ford Rangers built at Twin Cities Assembly Plant from Aug. 10, 2005 to Dec. 15, 2005.

The recall involves approximately 2,902 vehicles located in North America, with 2,712 located in the United States and federalized territories and 190 in Canada. The Ford reference number for this recall is 18S02.

Ford has a VIN look-up tool at Ford.com that customers can use to determine if their vehicle is one of those involved in this action. It can be found [here](#).

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