



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Mike Rains
Takata (TK Global LLC)
111 Peyer Court
Romeo, MI 48326

NEF-150MR
19E-016

Subject: Driver Frontal Air Bag Inflator May Rupture

Dear Mr. Rains:

This letter serves to acknowledge Takata (TK Global LLC)'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/PSDI-5 INFLATOR/9999

Mfr's Report Date: February 25, 2019

NHTSA Campaign Number: 19E-016

Components:

AIR BAGS
AIR BAGS:FRONTAL:DRIVER SIDE INFLATOR MODULE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1,500,000

Problem Description:

TK Global LLC (Takata) has determined that certain PSDI-5, SDI non-desiccated driver frontal air bag inflators that contain stabilized ammonium nitrate propellant may rupture due to propellant degradation occurring after long-term exposure to absolute humidity, temperatures, and temperature cycling. This recall addresses model year 2015 and newer vehicles.

Consequence:

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

Remedy:

Takata will be working with vehicle manufacturers to determine into which vehicles the affected inflators were installed either as original or replacement equipment during service. As this work progresses, numerous vehicle recalls will likely be announced by the impacted vehicle manufacturers. The recall began on January 2, 2019.

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.

This recall was the subject of an engineering analysis, EA15-001, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

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).

We understand that Takata will not be conducting this safety recall and that all quarterly recall completion rate reporting will be submitted by the affected vehicle manufacturers that are conducting the safety recalls.

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. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kareem Habib", written over a horizontal line.

Kareem Habib
Acting Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement