



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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

NEF-107KL
21E-082

Subject: Air Bag Inflators May Explode or Underinflate Bag

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/NADI INFLATOR/9999

Mfr's Report Date: August 30, 2021

NHTSA Campaign Number: 21E-082

Components:

AIR BAGS:FRONTAL:DRIVER SIDE:INFLATOR MODULE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 67,323

Problem Description:

Takata (TK Global LLC) is recalling certain Non-Azide driver-side air bag inflators (NADI). These inflators were used by certain vehicle manufacturers and included in recall expansions under NHTSA numbers 21V-401 and 21V-470. Due to a manufacturing issue, the NADI inflators may absorb moisture, causing the inflators to explode or the air bag cushion to underinflate.

Consequence:

During air bag deployment, an inflator explosion may result in metal fragments striking the driver or other occupants. An underinflated air bag may not properly protect the occupant. Either of these scenarios can increase the risk of serious injury or death.

Remedy:

Takata will work with the affected vehicle manufacturers who have filed their own recalls, and their dealers will replace the inflators, free of charge.

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.nhtsa.gov.

Please ensure the following requirements are met:

A description of the manufacturer's program for remedying the defect or noncompliance (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(8)(i)).

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

Your company must supply the estimated date(s) for which it will notify dealers and/or purchasers regarding this safety recall. If your company subsequently becomes aware that either the beginning or the completion dates reported to the agency for any of the notifications will be delayed by more than two weeks, your company shall promptly advise the agency of the delay and the reasons therefor, and furnish a revised estimate. If your company does not have dealers or distributors, please state so in the 573 (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(8)(ii)).

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), 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).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Takata (TK Global, LLC)'s contact for this recall will be Kristin Lepper who may be reached by email at kristin.lepper@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Alex Ansley
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement