



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

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NEF-107KL
23E-007

Subject: Seat Belt Assembly Malfunction

Dear Yamada Noriyuki:

This letter serves to acknowledge TOKAI RIKA Co LTD'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:

TOKAI RIKA CO. LTD/FRONT SEAT BELT ASSEMBLY/9999

Mfr's Report Date: February 6, 2023

NHTSA Campaign Number: 23E-007

Components:
SEAT BELTS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 106

Problem Description:

Tokai Rika Co LTD (Tokai Rika) is recalling certain front-seat outer right-side seat belt assemblies. Please see the recall report for a complete list of affected part numbers. The seat belt assembly force-limiter may not operate correctly, allowing the seat belt to extend further than intended after locking.

Consequence:

A seat belt assembly that extends further than intended may not properly restrain an occupant during a crash, increasing the risk of injury.

Remedy:

Vehicle manufacturers will inspect, and if necessary, replace the seat belt assembly, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a schedule for recall notification. Toyota owners should contact Toyota customer service at 1-800-331-4331. Subaru owners should contact Subaru customer service at 1-844-373-6614.

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:

Your company must supply the estimated date(s) for which it will notify dealers and/or distributors 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.

Per the requirements of 573.6(c)(2)(iv), please provide the supplier name, contact information, address and country of origin (if known) for the affected component(s). If your company manufactured the component itself, then please state so in 573.

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

Based on the provided remedy plan, it appears that your company may not be able to provide the required recall completion rate quarterly reports. If another company intends to file the report with detailed information about your company's remedy counts, please state so in the remedy section of the 573.

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 eight 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.

TOKAI RIKA Co LTD'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