

INFORMATION Redacted PURSUANT TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA), 5 U.S.C . 552(B)(6)

This is a copy of your Report to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission submitted on 8/29/2012

Incident Details

VQ-10474741-7663

Document Number: I1280657A

Report Number: 20120829-9CC78-2147464286

Report Submitted Date: 8/29/2012

Who You Are: Consumer

Incident Description: The passenger side front airbag on my 2003 Acura TL is leaking (oozing) a sticky, gummy substance around the perimeter of the 'housing' (an indented area surrounding the air bag). While I can't imagine what is causing this, I am concerned for the safety of the passenger in the event of an accident. The vehicle has only 65K miles and I am the original owner. There have been no accidents. The car is well maintained and garage kept. The dash area is cleaned frequently with only a water dampened cloth. The gummy residue area is very well defined in a rectangle just inside of the air bag area. Acura seemed unconcerned about it, but I am very concerned that there is a safety issue as well as a cosmetic problem.

As previously stated, I can't imagine the cause of this discharge. My understanding is that the air bag unit consists of an explosive charge, the bag itself and a talcum like powder for friction control - and nothing more. Could the bag be deteriorating? The car seldom is left in the sun for more than a couple of hours.

Incident Date: 8/25/2012

Incident Location: Home/Apartment/Condominium - [REDACTED], Columbia, South Carolina, [REDACTED] United States This is my home address

Victim Details

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Injury Information: Incident, No Injury

Victim is of Hispanic/Latino origin? No

Race: White

Other Race/Ethnicity:

Source of Race Information: Respondent - Self/Family

My Relationship to Victim: Self

Gender: Male

Age when incident occurred: 72 Years

Address: [REDACTED], Columbia, South Carolina, [REDACTED] United States

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Product Details

Product: 2003 Acura TL passenger side front air bag

CPSC does not guarantee the accuracy, completeness, or adequacy of the contents of the Publicly Available Consumer Product Safety Information Database on SaferProducts.gov, particularly with respect to information submitted by people outside of CPSC.

Description:

Product 2003 Acura TL airbags

Category:

Product Type:

Brand Name: Acura

Manufacturer / Honda

Importer /

Private Labeler

Name:

Model Name or TL

Number:

Serial Number: I don't know

Date 8/5/2003

Manufactured:

Manufacturer I don't know

Date Code:

Manufacturer Not specified

Address:

Manufacturer

Website URL:

Manufacturer

Phone Number:

Retailer: McDaniels Acura

Retailer State: South Carolina

Additional Details

Purchase Date: 8/8/2003 This date is an estimate

I still have the product in my possession. Yes

The product was damaged before the incident. No

The product was modified before the incident. No

Have you contacted the manufacturer? Yes

If not, do you plan to contact them? N/A

Explanation: Advised Acura of the problem

Your Contact Information

First Name:

CPSC does not guarantee the accuracy, completeness, or adequacy of the contents of the Publicly Available Consumer Product Safety Information Database on SaferProducts.gov, particularly with respect to information submitted by people outside of CPSC.

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Columbia, South Carolina, [REDACTED] United States

E-mail [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Consent

May we include your Report, including any documents or photographs that you have attached to your Report, but without your name and contact information, in CPSC's Public Database? Yes, you may include my Report with any attachments on SaferProducts.gov.

May we release your name and contact information to the product manufacturer / importer / private labeler identified in your Report? Yes, you may release my name and contact information to the product manufacturer / importer / private labeler.

I certify that I have reviewed the Report and that the information provided in this Report is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief. Yes

OMB Control Number 3041-0146