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Dear Mr Nicolosi

I am writing you about deep concerns about the AIRBAG system in my 2006 Volvo V50. The dash light comes on and states "SRS Airbag service urgent". This is the second time it has come on. The first time I took it to the Volvo dealer in Bonita Springs FL where I purchased the car new in 2006. The dealer did a repair on 2/6/14 and it lasted for about a thousand miles and now the "SRS Airbag service urgent" is back on.

I feel this is a major defect in the cars system. When I Googled the problem you would not believe all the other complaints about the same problem that showed up. Also I have just read all the recalls other auto makers are having with their airbags and seat belts. Toyota is recalling 6.4 million vehicles to address a series of problems including a faulty cable that could prevent air bags from deploying, they say a frayed cable could cause a warning light to illuminate and would deactivate air bags.

I understand all systems are similar, and therefore I feel the Volvo system is also

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defective and need a recall.

I fear for my safety as well as all
other Volvo drivers

Sincerely

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Attachment - Recall Notices

Toyota recalls 6.4M vehicles

By Michael A. Fletcher
The Washington Post

Toyota announced a massive set of recalls Wednesday to address a series of problems, including a faulty cable that could prevent air bags from deploying and a defect that could prevent car seats from remaining in place during an accident.

Toyota, the world's largest automaker, said it is not aware of any crashes, injuries or deaths caused by the problems.

The largest recall involves 3.5 million vehicles equipped with a spiral cable that can be damaged when the steering wheel turns. The frayed cable could cause a warning light to illuminate and could deactivate air bags.

Another recall is aimed at repairing seat rails that contain springs that could break, particularly when seats are adjusted often.

When the springs break, the seat will not lock in place and could move in a crash, increasing the risk of injury, the company said.

A third recall involves fixing steering column brackets installed in some European and Asian models that can become unstable when the steering wheel is repeatedly turned with maximum force.

The other recalls address problematic windshield-wiper motors and the possibility of fires in starter motors. Those problems are confined to models sold in Asia, Toyota has said.

The five recalls cover 6.39 million vehicles worldwide. The air bag problem affects 1.3 million vehicles in the United States. They include the 2009-10 Corolla, 2009-10 Matrix, 2008-10 Highlander, 2009-10 Tacoma, 2006-08 RAV4 and 2006-

10 Yaris models.

The recalls come as automakers are under increasing pressure in the United States to move more quickly to correct possible defects and to inform regulators and the public about possible safety problems.

General Motors is under investigation over its slow recall of 2.6 million small cars equipped with faulty ignition switches. The defect, which GM dealers began fixing this week, has been linked by the company to 13 deaths.

Last month, Toyota agreed to pay a \$1.2 billion fine to the federal government for misleading consumers and regulators about unintended acceleration in its cars and trucks. The problem, which was traced to problematic floor mats and sticky gas pedals, prompted the company to recall more than 9 million vehicles.

GM air-bag software blamed in petition to recall Chevy Impala

By Jeff Green and Jeff Plungis
Bloomberg News

WASHINGTON — General Motors Co., in the midst of recalling 2.6 million small cars for an ignition-switch flaw that can deactivate air bags, also might have an air-bag defect connected to deadly accidents in its Chevrolet Impala, a safety group said Monday.

The Center for Auto Safety, in a letter to U.S. regulators Monday, cited a government petition by a former GM researcher who said he found a software fault that can misread a passenger's weight and render frontal air bags inoperative. The consultant, Donald Friedman, is asking the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to open a defect investigation into 2003-10 model-year Impalas.

There have been at least 143 fatalities in frontal crashes when an Impala's air bag didn't deploy, Friedman said, citing data collected from NHTSA's fatal-crash database. In 98 of those cases, occupants who died were wearing seat belts.

"This is a design defect in every GM vehicle with the flawed algorithm" in the software, said Clarence Ditlow, executive director of the Washington-based Center for Auto Safety, which has been tracking recalls and defects since it was founded in 1970.

NHTSA's databases don't pinpoint the cause of air-bag failures, so it's not clear how many cases can be tied to a flawed algorithm, Ditlow said.

Spokesmen Alan Adler, of GM, and Nathan Naylor, of NHTSA, said they couldn't immediately comment.

The flaw cited in the petition points to questions about whether there are broader flaws with sensors in air bags used throughout the auto industry.

Last month, Nissan recalled 989,701 vehicles, including the 2014 Altima sedan, because software can incorrectly classify a passenger seat as empty, leading to air-bag failure in a crash. There also have been U.S. investigations or recalls over air-bag failures involving Ford, Toyota, Honda, Volvo and Chrysler products in the past two years.

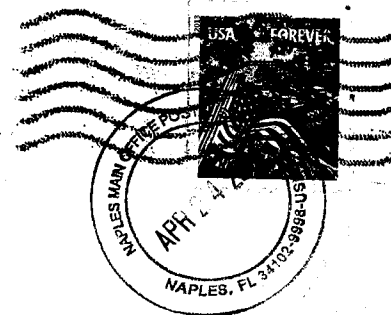
So-called advanced air bags introduced in the past decade to meet tougher U.S. regulations have saved lives, while introducing technology so complex that engineers sometimes don't understand its nuances.

NHTSA's acting administrator told Congress last week the agency hasn't been able to figure out how air bags in Chevrolet Cobalts and Saturn Ions with the defective ignition switches could deactivate with the cars moving.

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