



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE.
Washington, DC 20590

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Venice, FL [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for the letter about your model year (MY) 2006 Mazda 3 vehicle. Your letter was forwarded to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) Office of Defects Investigation. I am pleased to respond.

NHTSA is the Federal agency responsible for improving safety on our Nation's highways. We are authorized to order manufacturers to recall and repair vehicles or motor vehicle equipment when our investigations indicate that they contain safety defects in their design, construction, or performance. We also monitor the completion rates and adequacy of manufacturers' recall campaigns.

We appreciate the report you provided. Reports from motorists are a very important source of information for us. We are aware of several Mazda vehicles that have been recalled for Takata air bags. In the event of a crash necessitating deployment of the air bags, the inflators may rupture due to propellant degradation occurring after long-term exposure to high absolute humidity and temperature cycling. The recalls of defective Takata inflators have grown over the past few years to include 19 separate vehicle manufacturers and currently include approximately 41.6 million vehicles in the United States, making it the largest, most complex recall in NHTSA's history.

Please note that recalls are very specific in regards to vehicle build dates, affected vehicle identification numbers (VIN), assembly plants, remedy procedures, defective components, and operation region. Mazda has not identified a defect in the air bags of MY 2006 Mazda 3 vehicles. We entered your information into our database. It will be used with other reports to identify any safety defect trends that may require our attention.

For the most up-to-date information on the Takata recalls, we also encourage you to visit our website at www.nhtsa.gov/recall-spotlight/takata-air-bags. We also recommend that you periodically go to our website and enter your VIN into our VIN Look-Up Tool

(<https://vinrcl.safercar.gov/vin/>) which allows consumers to search for open recalls on their vehicles. You can always contact Mazda and your local dealer for the latest recall information on your vehicle.

If you encounter a safety-related problem with a motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment in the future, please complete an electronic Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire online at www.nhtsa.gov or call the Vehicle Safety Hotline at 888-327-4236. Also, owners' complaints, safety recalls, manufacturers' service bulletins, etc. can be reviewed on our website.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Randy Reid".

Randy Reid, Chief
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