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# Memorandum

**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
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Subject: PE14-016 Takata-OEM Airbag Investigation

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ODI opened PE14-016 on six (6) field incidents involving air bag inflator ruptures in vehicles from five (5) manufacturers. Other vehicle manufacturers using similar Takata inflators (including BMW, Subaru, Ford and Mitsubishi), but who had no reports of inflator ruptures, agreed to participate in the collection of so-called “healthy” inflators for test and evaluation purposes in connection with PE14-016. On October 30, 2014, ODI received a consumer report (VOQ 10651492) from a model year 2007 Ford Mustang owner alleging that the vehicle was involved in a frontal crash when the driver side frontal air bag deployed and “...a metal fragment dislodged, causing injury to the driver’s leg...” Shortly thereafter ODI contacted the complainant and determined that an inflator rupture occurred. Based on this new information, the MY2007 Ford Mustang is being added to the scope of PE14-016.

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