

Certificate in Support of Request for Confidentiality

I, Subbaiah Malladi, pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR part 512, state as follows:

(1) I am Subbaiah Malladi, Principal Engineer Chief Technical Officer, for Exponent, and I am authorized by Exponent to execute this certificate on its behalf.

(2) I certify that the information contained in the root cause analysis document submitted with this certification is confidential and proprietary data that it is entitled to confidential treatment under 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4) (as incorporated by reference in and modified by the statute under which the information is being submitted). Specifically, that document confidential root cause analysis relating to pretensioners on the subject vehicles. Public disclosure of this design information would cause competitive harm to Exponent.

(3) I hereby request that the information contained in the document be protected for a period of ten years. Exponent still consults for the automotive industry with regard to the components in which the documents relate.

(4) This certification is based on the information provided by the responsible Exponent personnel who have authority in the normal course of business to release the information for which a claim of confidentiality has been made to ascertain whether such information has ever been released outside of Exponent.

(5) Based upon that information, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the information for which Exponent has claimed confidential treatment has never been released or become available outside Exponent, under circumstances such that the shared information is retained as confidential by those suppliers and to the best of my knowledge has not been shared with other persons or entities.

(6) I make no representations beyond those contained in this certificate and, in particular, I make no representations as to whether this information may become available outside Exponent.

(7) I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.
Executed on this 13 day of Nov 2023.


Name