To: SDC - EST - CEN - WST Retailers
From: Subaru of America, Inc. – Parts/Service
Date: December 19, 2016
Re: Takata Air Bag Inflator Update - “Like for Like” Replacement

On December 5, 2016, Subaru of America requested 100% return of Takata air bag inflator part number 98279AG00A.

As stated in our request, part number 98279AG00A has been superseded by part number 98279AG05A.

- Part number 98279AG00A is a previous generation part that is considered a “like for like” replacement since it contains non-desiccated phase-stabilized ammonium nitrate (PSAN) as a propellant.
- The new part number 98279AG05A is not a “like for like” replacement part, since it does NOT contain the propellant PSAN.
- As ordered by NHTSA, any vehicle repaired with a “like for like” replacement part will be under recall again in the year 2020.

As a result, we need retailers to be absolutely diligent when entering the installed part number on all recall claims. This is critically important so that we can identify all vehicles that have been repaired with a "like for like" part for future recall purposes.

Visit the NHTSA website - http://www.safercar.gov/rs/takata/takata-faq.html - to view additional information concerning Takata airbag inflator “like for like” replacement.