Chronology of Defect (for NHTSA Recall No. 15V-323)


August 19, 2014: Subaru notified NHTSA it was initiating a voluntary, regional parts collection campaign to cooperate with NHTSA and the Supplier’s (TK Holdings, Inc./Takata) ongoing investigation of the risk of failure of the passenger airbag inflators installed on certain vehicles that are currently or have ever been registered in Florida, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands (NHTSA Recall No. 14V-471).


November 21, 2014: NHTSA suggested that Subaru consider moving from a voluntary campaign (NHTSA Recall No. 14V-471) to a Part 573 safety recall as well as expanding the geographic coverage.

November 25-26, 2014: NHTSA and Subaru had follow-up discussions regarding the information shared on November 21, 2014.

November 27, 2014: FHI concluded that Subaru will move from a voluntary campaign (NHTSA Recall No. 14V-471) to a Part 573 safety recall as well as expanding the geographic coverage (NHTSA Recall No. 14V-763).


May 20, 2015: FHI concluded that Subaru will perform a safety recall in the U.S. market.

May 28, 2015: This recall (NHTSA No. 15V-323) supersedes the previous recall campaign (NHTSA Recall No. 14V-763) for 2004-05 Subaru Impreza (including WRX/STI) and 2005 Saab 9-2x vehicles.

September 2, 2015: This recall (NHTSA Recall No. 15V-323) supersedes previous NHTSA Recall No. 14V-399) in order to consolidate the Takata National Passenger Side Air Bag Inflator Recalls into one. Therefore, the vehicle population of 8,557 from NHTSA Recall No. 14V-399 is being added to this recall (NHTSA Recall No. 15V-323).

December 10, 2015: NHTSA and Subaru had discussion regarding the information of Takata’s on-going project of testing and analyzing inflators that are being returned from the U.S. field. FHI concluded that Subaru will expand and move 05MY Legacy/Outback from a regional safety recall to a national safety recall, also Subaru will conduct a national safety recall campaign for 06-08MY Legacy/Outback. Accordingly, an additional 350,000 (estimated) 2005-08MY Legacy and Outback vehicles are being added.

December 18, 2015: Subaru submitted defect information report to NHTSA per the information discussed in the “December 10, 2015” line item above.