

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

# 16V-361

**Manufacturer Name :** Subaru of America, Inc.

**Submission Date :** MAY 25, 2016

**NHTSA Recall No. :** 16V-361

**Manufacturer Recall No. :** TKC-16



## Manufacturer Information :

**Manufacturer Name :** Subaru of America, Inc.

**Address :** P.O. Box 6000

Cherry Hill NJ 08034-6000

**Company phone :** 856-488-8500

## Population :

**Number of potentially involved :** 88,131

**Estimated percentage with defect :** NR

## Vehicle Information :

**Vehicle 1 :** 2003-2004 Subaru Legacy

**Vehicle Type :** LIGHT VEHICLES

**Body Style :** 4-DOOR

**Power Train :** GAS

**Descriptive Information :** Not all vehicles in the specified production date range are affected by this recall.

This recall affects Takata Non-Desiccated Frontal Air Bag Inflators Containing Phase Stabilized Ammonium Nitrate for Zone C, for vehicles not already covered under NHTSA Campaign Numbers 14V-763 and 15V-323.

Zone C includes states with lower temperature cycling and absolute humidity. It includes: Alaska, Colorado, Connecticut, Idaho, Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, New Hampshire, New York, North Dakota, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Utah, Vermont, Washington, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

The number of potentially affected vehicles reported at this time is an estimate based on where the vehicles were originally sold. Final potentially affected vehicle counts will be updated once the registration history search is complete.

Also, specified production date ranges are estimates. Final potentially affected production date ranges will be updated once the registration history search is complete.

**Production Dates :** MAR 08, 2002 - MAR 03, 2004

**VIN Range 1 : Begin :**

NR

**End :** NR

Not sequential

Vehicle 2 : 2003-2004 Subaru Outback

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : SUV

Power Train : GAS

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Production Dates : FEB 14, 2002 - MAR 08, 2004

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

Not sequential

Vehicle 3 : 2003-2004 Subaru Baja  
Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES  
Body Style : SUV  
Power Train : GAS

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Production Dates : MAY 16, 2002 - JUL 21, 2004

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

Not sequential

## Description of Defect :

Description of the Defect : Takata has submitted DIR 16E-044 (Zone C) in accordance with the terms specified in the May 4, 2016 Amendment to the November 3, 2015 Consent Order in EA15-001. Subaru is submitting this DIR in accordance with section 46 of Coordinated Remedy Order.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : Activation of a non-desiccated ammonium nitrate inflator with degraded propellant may result in an inflator rupture. An inflator rupture may cause metal fragments to pass through the air bag and into the vehicle interior at high speed, which may result in injury or death to vehicle occupants.

Description of the Cause : Based upon Takata's investigation to date, the propellant wafers in some of the subject inflators may degrade over time, which could lead to overaggressive combustion in the event the air bag is activated. Overly aggressive combustion creates excessive internal pressure when the inflator is activated, which may cause the inflator body to rupture.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : NR

**Supplier Identification :****Component Manufacturer**

Name : Takata Corporation

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Country : Japan

**Chronology :**

November 3, 2015 - NHTSA and Takata entered into a Consent Order in EA15-001 to resolve issues raised in that investigation, to mitigate and control risks of harm, and to promote public safety. May 4, 2016 - NHTSA and Takata entered into an Amendment to the November 3, 2015 Consent Order. As stated in that Amendment, on the basis of testing and analysis conducted by Takata and by independent research organizations, NHTSA has concluded that, "at some point in the future all non-desiccated frontal Takata PSAN inflators will reach a threshold level of degradation that could result in the inflator becoming unreasonably dangerous." As a result of this conclusion, and pursuant to Paragraph 29 of the November 3, 2015 Consent Order, NHTSA ordered Takata to file certain defect information reports ("DIR"), in accordance with the schedule set forth in Paragraph 14 of the Amendment. May 16, 2016 - As specified in that schedule, Takata submitted the DIR. May 20, 2016 - Subaru has determined to launch recall according to Section 46 of Coordinated Remedy Order.

**Description of Remedy :**

Description of Remedy Program : The remedy plan calls for dealers to replace the passenger airbag inflator.

How Remedy Component Differs NR  
from Recalled Component :Identify How/When Recall Condition NR  
was Corrected in Production :**Recall Schedule :**

Description of Recall Schedule : Subaru is confirming the registration history data of all potentially affected vehicles. Upon completion, if parts supply is sufficient, Subaru will send owner notification letters advising the customer to schedule a repair. If parts supply is insufficient, Subaru will send interim notification letters advising the customer they are affected and will be re-notified when parts supply improves.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : NR - NR

Planned Owner Notification Date : NR - NR

\* NR - Not Reported