

Subarunet Announcement



To: All Subaru Retailers
From: Subaru of America, Inc.
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Subject: Takata Recall Expansion – New Subaru Recall Campaigns TKA-16, TKB-16, TKC-16

As previously posted on May 4, 2016, the National Traffic and Highway Safety Administration (NHTSA) has announced the planned expansions of the Takata airbag inflator recall to an additional 35 to 40 million vehicles from various manufacturers nationwide.

Subaru will be affected by these expansions, for frontal passenger-side air bag inflators only.

Subaru vehicles do not contain any Takata-sourced frontal driver-side air bags.

Expansion Schedule

The expansions are planned to take place in phases between now and the beginning of the year 2020. Under the Amended Consent Order, Takata will file Defect Information Reports (DIRs) covering all non-desiccated frontal Takata PSAN inflators by December 31, 2019. Takata will submit DIRs on a rolling basis prioritized by risk as set forth in the schedule in the Amended Consent Order.

Each phase of the expansions will address the most at risk vehicles first and is divided into three geographic zones based on temperature fluctuations and humidity and the exposure time required under those environmental conditions to degrade the propellant to the point where it poses an unreasonable risk to safety.

NHTSA may alter the schedule at any time to protect the public from an unreasonable risk to safety.

Zone Identification

Subaru has reported to NHTSA preliminary estimates of potentially affected vehicles based on where the vehicles were originally sold. Final potentially affected vehicle counts will be reported to NHTSA once the registration history search is complete, which we expect to have mid-June.

- **Zone A**: The first phase of the expansion for this zone will include certain 2003-2011 model year Subaru vehicles with registration history in Zone A, which includes states and U.S. territories with the greatest temperature cycling and absolute humidity.
 - Zone A includes: Alabama, California, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, Texas, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands (Saipan), and the U.S. Virgin Islands.
 - For identification purposes, Subaru will assign recall code TKA-16 to the Zone A vehicles.
 - The TKA-16 recall affects Takata non-desiccated frontal passenger-side air bag inflators containing Phase Stabilized Ammonium Nitrate for Zone A, for vehicles not already covered under the current Takata recalls. Potentially affected Subaru models found to have had Zone A registration history will include:
 - 2003-2004 Legacy and Outback
 - 2003-2006 Baja
 - 2009-2011 Legacy and Outback
 - 2006-2011 Impreza and WRX

- 2009-2011 Forester
 - 2006-2011 Tribeca
- **Zone B:** The first phase of the expansion for this zone will include certain 2003-2008 model year Subaru vehicles with registration history in Zone B, but not in Zone A, which includes states with moderate temperature cycling and absolute humidity.
 - Zone B includes: Arizona, Arkansas, Delaware, District of Columbia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia.
 - For identification purposes, Subaru will assign recall code TKB-16 to the Zone B vehicles.
 - The TKB-16 recall affects Takata non-desiccated frontal passenger-side air bag inflators containing Phase Stabilized Ammonium Nitrate for Zone B, for vehicles not already covered under current Takata recalls. Potentially affected Subaru models found to have had Zone B registration history will include:
 - 2003-2004 Legacy and Outback
 - 2003-2006 Baja
 - 2006-2008 Impreza and WRX
 - 2006-2008 Tribeca
- **Zone C:** The first phase of the expansion for this zone will include certain 2003-2004 model year Subaru vehicles with registration history in Zone C, but not in Zones A or B, which includes states with lower temperature cycling and absolute humidity.
 - Zone C 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.
 - For identification purposes, Subaru will assign recall code TKC-16 to the Zone C vehicles.
 - The TKC-16 recall affects Takata non-desiccated frontal passenger-side air bag inflators containing Phase Stabilized Ammonium Nitrate for Zone C, for vehicles not already covered under current Takata recalls. Potentially affected Subaru models found to have had Zone C registration history will include:
 - 2003-2004 Legacy and Outback
 - 2003-2004 Baja

Parts Information and Repair Procedures

Information will be released once it is available.

Owner Notification

Subaru will notify all owners of potentially affected vehicles within 60 days. Retailers will be advised of owner notification before it begins.