

Subarunet Announcement



To: All Subaru Retailers
From: Subaru of America, Inc.
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UPDATE: Takata Recalls Front Passenger Air Bag Inflator Owner Renotifications

The next group of renotification letters will include the following open Takata recalls, using recently refreshed owner information from IHS (Polk). Approximately 157,000 renotifications will be mailed, nationally, on September 23rd.

- WQP51
- WQR53
- TKA16
- TKB16
- TKC16
- All others – Tribeca vehicles only

Refreshed affected VIN lists have been distributed to each Region/Zone Office, which include the latest owner registration data for all currently open Takata recalls. Throughout the next quarter, renotification letters will be mailed for all other remaining open Takata recalls, prior to the launch of the next phase of the Takata recall.

Background

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is prioritizing the recalls of all non-desiccated Takata-sourced air bag inflators containing the propellant Phase Stabilized Ammonium Nitrate (PSAN) based on the risk of injury or death to vehicle occupants.

NHTSA has ordered the affected automakers to prioritize the Takata recalls by age and location history of the vehicles. To do so, NHTSA has established three geographical Zones – A, B, and C – based on the level of heat and humidity.

The next phase of the Takata recalls must be launched by early next year. That phase will include approximately 500,000 Subaru vehicles which previously had an *interim repair* performed under the current Takata recalls. Interim repairs, also referred to as *like-for-like* repairs, involved the installation of a non-desiccated PSAN Takata-sourced inflator, prior to the availability of final repair parts which do not contain PSAN.

Further details on the launch timing of the like-for-like phase of the Takata recall will be provided when they are available.

For general information regarding the Takata recalls, you may visit NHTSA's website at <https://www.nhtsa.gov/equipment/takata-recall-spotlight>.

Thank you.