

Number of potentially involved : 231

**Population :** 



Manufacturer Name : McLaren Automotive Incorporated Submission Date : JAN 05, 2018 NHTSA Recall No.: 18V-007 Manufacturer Recall No.: NR

## **Manufacturer Information :**

Manufacturer Name : McLaren Automotive Incorporated Address: 750 Third Avenue, Suite 2400 NEW YORK NY 10017 Company phone : 646-429-8916

## **Vehicle Information :**

| Vehicle 1:                | 2013-2013 McLaren MP4-12  | С   |   |
|---------------------------|---|---|---|
| Vehicle Type :            | LOW VOLUME VEHICLES   |   |   |
| Body Style :              | 2-DOOR  |   |   |
| Power Train :             | GAS   |   |   |
| Descriptive Information : | All MY 2012 McLaren MP4-12<br>For the purposes of this repo<br>Georgia, Hawaii, Louisiana, M<br>Samoa, Guam, the Northern M | 2C vehicles set out in the<br>rt Zone A shall mean Alal<br>(ississippi, South Carolina<br>Aariana Islands (Saipan), | VIN range below in Zone A only.<br>bama, California, Florida,<br>a, Texas, Puerto Rico, American<br>and the U.S. Virgin Islands |
| Production Dates :        | JAN 28, 2011 - JAN 07, 2014   |   |   |
| VIN Range 1:              | Begin: NR   | End: NR   | ☐ Not sequential  |

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# **Description of Defect :**

| Description of the Defect :      | Certain McLaren Automotive Inc ("McLaren") vehicles are equipped with   |
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|                                  | passenger airbags (the "Airbags") provided by the supplier Takata Petri AG  |
|                                  | ("Takata"). On May 16, 2016 Takata filed a Defect Information Report ("DIR")  |
|                                  | with NHTSA announcing a potential defect in some of the Airbags' inflators. In  |
|                                  | the DIR Takata stated, "Takata has determined that a defect related to motor  |
|                                  | vehicle safety may arise in some of the subject ammonium nitrate inflators due  |
|                                  | to propellant degradation occurring after prolonged exposure to high absolute   |
|                                  | humidity, high temperatures and high temperature cycling. Testing and   |
|                                  | analyses conducted by Takata and by independent entities have found that  |
|                                  | there are wide differences in the time periods in which propenant degradation<br>takes place. The propellant degradation varies in different elimate games in |
|                                  | different vehicle makes and models, and in different inflator and propellant  |
|                                  | configurations Takata believes that the subject inflators perform as Part 573   |
|                                  | Safety Recall Report 16V-341 Page 2 The information contained in this report  |
|                                  | was submitted pursuant to 49 CFR §573 originally designed and manufactured  |
|                                  | and do not pose an unreasonable risk to safety until they reach a certain level   |
|                                  | of propellant degradation." McLaren is not aware of any incidents in the field,   |
|                                  | warranty claims or consumer complaints involving the Airbags used in its  |
|                                  | vehicles  |
| FMVSS 1 :                        | NR  |
| FMVSS 2 :                        | NR  |
| Description of the Safety Risk : | According to Takata: "Activation of a non-desiccated ammonium nitrate   |
| 1 5                              | 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 :       | Pursuant to Defect Information report filed with NHTSA by Takata on May 16,   |
|                                  | 2016, in relation to Takata's non-desiccated frontal Takata PSAN inflators,   |
|                                  | Takata stated: "The propellant wafers in some of the subject inflators may  |
|                                  | degrade over time, which could lead to over-aggressive 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. Dased upon Takata's investigation to date, the potential for   |
|                                  | exposure to persistent conditions of high absolute humidity high  |
|                                  | temperatures and high temperature cycling The notential for runture may   |
|                                  | also be influenced by other factors, including the specific vehicle environment.  |
|                                  | the inflator and propellant configuration, and manufacturing variability."  |
| Identification of Any Warning    | NR  |
| that can Occur :                 |   |
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**Supplier Identification :** 

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# **Component Manufacturer**

Name : Takata Petri AG Address : Bahnweg 1, D-63743 Aschaffenburg FOREIGN STATES NA Country : Germany

**Chronology**:

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### **Description of Remedy :**

| Description of Remedy Program :                                     | McLaren will replace the Airbags with a Takata airbag containing a propellant based on guanidine nitrate, a compound that is less sensitive to moisture and temperature swings |
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| How Remedy Component Differs<br>from Recalled Component :           | McLaren will replace the Airbags with a Takata airbag containing a propellant based on guanidine nitrate, a compound that is less sensitive to moisture and temperature swings |
| Identify How/When Recall Condition<br>was Corrected in Production : | NR   |

### **Recall Schedule :**

| Description of Recall Schedule :   | McLaren plans to notify customers and dealers by the end of January |
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|                                    | 2018  |
| Planned Dealer Notification Date : | JAN 22, 2018 - JAN 31, 2018   |
| Planned Owner Notification Date :  | JAN 22, 2018 <sup>-</sup> JAN 31, 2018                              |

\* NR - Not Reported

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