

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

20V-681

Manufacturer Name : Volvo Car USA LLC**Submission Date :** NOV 11, 2020**NHTSA Recall No. :** 20V-681**Manufacturer Recall No. :** R10058**Manufacturer Information :**

Manufacturer Name : Volvo Car USA LLC

Address : 270 Three Point Drive
Ridgeville SC 29472

Company phone : 201-768-7300

Population :

Number of potentially involved : 54,124

Estimated percentage with defect : 2 %

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2001-2003 VOLVO S60

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : 4-DOOR

Power Train : GAS

Descriptive Information : Concerned vehicles are from the introduction of propellant 5 AT 148 N. S60/S80 MY2001-MY2003 in hot and humid areas are identified based on knowledge from field recovery studies, weather data from respective area and vehicle specific temperature data. The affected vehicles are Models S60 and S80 M/Y 2001-2003. Volvo Cars investigations using Experian data has identified that 13,853 out of 54,317 vehicles remain in operation that have ever been registered in the following Hot and Humid states Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Puerto Rico.

Production Dates : JUL 13, 2000 - MAR 07, 2003

VIN Range 1 : Begin : YV1RS49K912000167 End : YV1RS793232287593 Not sequential

Vehicle 2 : 2001-2003 VOLVO S80

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : 4-DOOR

Power Train : GAS

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Production Dates : MAY 20, 2000 - MAR 13, 2003

VIN Range 1 : Begin : YV1TS94K511147860 End : YV1TS92D331317579 Not sequential

Description of Defect :

Description of the Defect : Volvo Cars investigations have identified an issue regarding the driver airbag. In the event of a crash were the driver airbag is activated, fragments of the inflator inside the airbag may, in certain cases, project out and in worst case strike you, potentially resulting in serious injury or death.

Volvo Cars centrally has received and is aware of one rupture incident. That one rupture incident resulted in a fatality report related to this condition. ZF Group Manufacturer of the Inflator.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : In the event of a crash with a driver airbag activation where a rupture occurs the driver might be struck by fragments from the inflator potentially resulting in serious injury or death.

Description of the Cause : If the propellant tablets are subjected to elevated moisture levels and frequent high inflator temperatures, the tablets can start to decay and form dust particles.

When exposed to high temperatures, moisture leaves the tablet and when cooled down is absorbed and accumulated on the tablets surface.

This localization of moisture leads to volumetric changes of the tablets surface creating dust over time.

Dust increases burn surface area and thereby burn rate. Higher burn rate can result in higher combustion chamber pressure and risk of inflator rupture.

Identification of Any Warning NR
that can Occur :

Involved Components :

Component Name 1 : Driver Airbag assembly

Component Description : Driver Airbag assembly with FG2 twin inflator containing 5AT 148N

Component Part Number : NR

Supplier Identification :**Component Manufacturer**

Name : Autoliv

Address : 1320 Pacific Drive

Auburn Hills MICHIGAN 48326

Country : United States

Chronology :

A. Condition considered as Critical by CCMT* 2020-10-28

B. Field Action decision by Volvo Car Corporation 2020-11-04

C. Condition detected by? (market VR**, internal, inspection, testing) Market

D. Number of VR with the condition, reported to Volvo Cars from NSC? 1 (law suit case)

E. Total number of cars included in VRs concerning the condition? 1 (law suit case)

F. Implementation date 2020-11-04

6.18.2019 VCUSA legal received Attorney letter for alleged rupture

8.28.2019 Volvo/ZF/NHTSA joint Vehicle Inspection

9.10.2019 Volvo/ZF/NHTSA joint technical meeting

9.20.2019 Volvo/ZF/NHTSA joint technical meeting

9.26.2019 Volvo/ZF/NHTSA joint technical meeting

10.25.2019 Volvo/ZF/NHTSA joint technical meeting

01.23.2020 Volvo/ZF/NHTSA joint technical meeting

03.26.2020 Volvo/ZF/NHTSA joint technical meeting
6.4.2020 Volvo/ZF/NHTSA joint technical meeting
8.27.2020 Volvo/ZF/NHTSA joint technical meeting
10.20.2020 NHTSA requested meeting - FG2-Twin Discussion
10.28.2020 NHTSA requested meeting - FG2-Twin Decision

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : To remedy the concerned vehicles Volvo Cars needs to replace the Driver Airbag at no cost to the customer.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : Driver airbag with a modern state-of-the-art propellant/inflator.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : Deviation has been identified through component testing at the inflator manufacturer (ZF) and analysis of field return parts investigated together with the inflator manufacturer (ZF) and NHTSA.

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : NR
Planned Dealer Notification Date : NOV 04, 2020 - NOV 04, 2020
Planned Owner Notification Date : JAN 04, 2021 - JAN 04, 2021

* NR - Not Reported