



U.S. Department of Transportation
**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NEF-107KL
21E-066

Subject: Delayed Side Air Bag Deployment

Dear Joseph Ruscak:

This letter serves to acknowledge Continental Automotive Systems, Inc.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

CONTINENTAL/PSAT PRESSURE SENSOR/9999

Mfr's Report Date: July 22, 2021

NHTSA Campaign Number: 21E-066

Components:

AIR BAGS:SENSOR:SIDE IMPACT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 6,904

Problem Description:

Continental Automotive Systems, Inc. (Continental Automotive) is recalling certain PSAT Pressure Sensor model PAST 5.5 AK2D (Please see 573 Report for list of part numbers). The PSAT side crash pressure sensor mold was not cleaned properly during formation of the housing unit, causing the sensor to loosen from the connector harness.

Consequence:

A side crash sensor connector that becomes loose may delay the reaction of the side air bags, increasing the risk of injury in a crash.

Remedy:

Continental will work with the affected vehicle manufacturers to provide a remedy through their dealership networks. The manufacturer has not yet provided a schedule for recall notification. Owners may contact Continental Automotive customer service at 1-248-393-5300.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.nhtsa.gov.

Please ensure the following requirements are met:

Per the requirements of 49 USC 30119, please provide the part number, name and description of the component or components involved in this recall. This information should be provided in an amended 573 in the "Involved Components" section.

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

Per the requirements of 573.6(c)(2)(iv), please provide the supplier name, contact information, address and country of origin (if known) for the PSAT pressure sensor. If your company manufactured the component itself, then please state so in 573

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

Your company must supply the estimated date(s) for which it will notify dealers and/or distributors regarding this safety recall. If your company subsequently becomes aware that either the beginning or the completion dates reported to the agency for any of the notifications will be delayed by more than two weeks, your company shall promptly advise the agency of the delay and the reasons therefor, and furnish a revised estimate. If your company does not have dealers or distributors, please state so in the 573 (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(8)(ii)).

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

Your company must supply the estimated date(s) for which it will notify owners regarding this safety recall. Please be reminded that all owners must be notified of the safety risk associated with this filing within 60 days of the 573 being submitted. If the remedy is not available at that time, mail the interim notice, following it with a second notice once the remedy becomes available. If your company subsequently becomes aware that either the beginning or the completion dates reported to the agency for any of the notifications will be delayed by more than two weeks, your company shall promptly advise the agency of the delay and the reasons therefor, and furnish a revised estimate. If there are no owners involved in this recall, please state so in the 573 (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(8)(ii)).

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Continental Automotive Systems, Inc.'s contact for this recall will be Kristin Lepper who may be reached by email at kristin.lepper@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alex Ansley", with a long, sweeping flourish extending from the end.

Alex Ansley
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement