

RC 85 Chronology

During a pre-delivery inspection check performed on a vehicle in China on April 12, 2023 on a 296 GTB vehicle, Ferrari was made aware of a potential issue regarding the fuel tank connecting pipe. In particular, a slight fuel leakage was noted arising out of the fuel tank connecting pipe. Ferrari immediately began an investigation of the issue, during which Ferrari observed some corrosion on the connecting pipe in another vehicle. As a precautionary containment measure, Ferrari introduced insulating material on the fuel pipe to prevent contact between the pipe and other vehicle components on the production line on April 20, 2023 while its investigation continued. Through its investigation, Ferrari determined that the initially reported fuel leakage was due to a hole in the connecting pipe, and further determined, based on testing conducted between April 18 and the beginning of May 2023, that the detected hole was due to a design defect allowing corrosion arising from the unintended contact between the fuel tank connecting pipe (made of aluminum) and the high-voltage battery protection cover (made of glass fibers and inox steel). On May 3, 2023, Ferrari decided to launch a recall campaign to remedy this potential issue and notify NHTSA. For the recall, Ferrari shall replace the fuel tank connecting pipe installed on 296 model with a new connecting pipe reinforced with an anti-corrosive protective sleeve made of rubber. Ferrari conducted research to verify the number of warranty claims and determined that no warranty claims have been submitted for this issue. Furthermore, Ferrari has had no reports of any fires, fuel leaks, other incidents and/or deaths as a consequence of this issue.