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**To:** [Lexus Recall](#)  
**Subject:** Takata Inflator Recall Expansion Announced by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)  
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On May 4, 2016, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) announced an expansion of the Takata Inflator Recalls. This announcement explains that Takata will, over time, recall additional specific front airbag inflators manufactured with non-desiccated, phase-stabilized ammonium nitrate (PSAN) propellant.

This expansion impacts Lexus and all other involved automotive manufacturers. At this time Lexus is working with NHTSA and Takata to fully understand the details of the expansion and how it affects Lexus vehicles and customers.

**Key Points:**

- Affected vehicle populations have not been specified at this time.
- Preliminary indications are that **NO** front Driver airbags in Lexus vehicles are affected-- only front Passenger airbags.
- NHTSA has explained that this expansion is based on independent research concluding that, over time, long-term exposure to heat and humidity creates an unreasonable risk of inflator rupture during airbag deployment.
- NHTSA and Takata are prioritizing future recalls based on when inflators are likely to pose an unreasonable risk to safety, considering time, temperature, and environmental moisture.
- Customers can sign up for NHTSA's Recall Alerts at <http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/subscriptions/> to be notified if their vehicle is recalled. Note that vehicles affected by this expansion are still being identified and therefore not yet listed on NHTSA's website.
- Applicable VINs are not yet loaded in TIS or [www.toyota.com/recall](http://www.toyota.com/recall). VINs will be loaded to Lexus' systems as recalls are filed.

NHTSA has published a fact sheet that contains additional details. The fact sheet is attached to this document. Additional information can be found in the NHTSA press release located on [www.safercar.gov](http://www.safercar.gov).

This introductory announcement is being provided to inform you and your staff of this situation. Additional information will be provided as soon as it becomes available.

***Please refer to the attachment for additional details.***

***This communication has also been posted for dealer visibility on TIS in the Featured Content Section.***

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Model: ALL Section: ALL  
Year: ALL Keyword:  
Language: English French Spanish  
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