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## SURFACE RUST ON NEW AIR BAG INFLATORS

**MODEL**

E-Series	Model Description	Production Date
E70	X5 (incl. M) Sports Activity Vehicle	September 2006 – June 2013
E70	X5 (diesel) SAV	March 2008 – June 2013
E71	X6 (incl. M) Sports Activity Coupe	July 2007 – June 2014
E72	X6 Active Hybrid SAC	March 2009 – September 2011

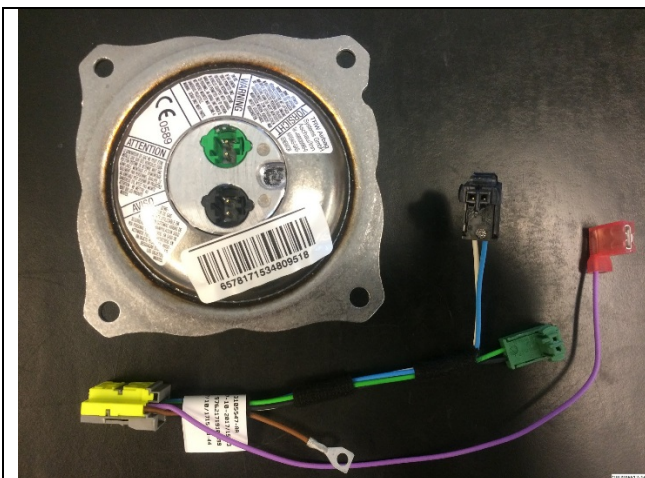
**SITUATION**

When performing the open recall campaigns:

- 16V-071:SI B65 14 16:DRIVERS FRONT AIR BAG MODULE
- 20V-017:SI B65 03 20: REPLACE DRIVER'S FRONT AIR BAG MODULE

The technician finds that the new air bag inflator (aka: gas generator) may have surface rust on the metal housing.

This cosmetic rust has led to inquiries to the parts department.



Pictured is air bag inflator P/N 32 30 6 888 429 in pristine condition.

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**CAUSE**

The air bag inflator housing is bare steel, without any protective coating, which makes them susceptible to surface rust.

This rust may be caused by:

- salt spray exposure
- handling the part with bare hands
- different storage conditions

## INFORMATION

- The surface rust is cosmetic and is considered acceptable. It does not affect the functionality of the air bag or aging aspects of the inflators / air bag modules.
- These parts are not visible to the customer when in service so this rust can be ignored.
- **Do not attempt cleaning to remove surface rust.** This could contaminate the contact area of the gold-plated pins and cause contact issues and resistance related diagnostic trouble codes.

## PARTS INFORMATION

A part exchange is not necessary and is therefore not permitted.

## WARRANTY INFORMATION

This Service Information Bulletin provides technical and repair-related information.

## QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BULLETIN

Technical inquiries	Submit feedback at the top of this bulletin
Warranty inquiries	Please contact the Warranty department by either using the Live Chat that's available in the Warranty Documentation Portal or through IDS by selecting Coverage, Policy, Coding Questions and Mileage Corrections
Parts inquiries	Submit an IDS ticket to the Parts Department