

MAZDA IMPLEMENTS NATIONAL RECALL FOR CERTAIN VEHICLES WITH TAKATA AIRBAG INFLATORS

WASHINGTON, DC (June 5, 2015) – In response to the recent Takata / NHTSA announcement Mazda has decided to implement a voluntary recall to include all 2003-2008 model year Mazda6 and all 2004-2008 model year RX-8 vehicles for driver's side airbag and a recall for the passenger side airbag that includes all 2004-2006 B-Series vehicles in all states.

This brings the total number of Mazda vehicles with Takata airbag inflators in the United States to 464,684.

Please see below for historical detail.

On December 11, 2014, Mazda announced the following steps in the Takata recall:

- Mazda will institute a nationwide Safety Improvement Campaign of 2004-2008 model-year Mazda6 and RX-8 models equipped with certain Takata airbag inflators.
- The nationwide Safety Improvement Campaign will cover the driver's-side airbag inflator, as Mazda has not made a safety defect determination at this time. This action will support us to gather additional part for examination and to promote customer satisfaction and safety.
- There are approximately 330,000 vehicles included in this Safety Improvement Campaign in the United States.
- So far, Takata has tested a large number of inflators removed from Mazda vehicles, and NONE have been found to be non-compliant at this time.
- One vehicle – a 2005 Mazda6 located in Florida – has been identified as having experienced an abnormal driver's-side airbag deployment. Mazda has worked closely with NHTSA on this situation.
- Mazda will participate in the independent, industry-wide joint testing program for Takata airbag inflators.

For history, on December 4, 2014, Mazda announced:

- It would expand the area of the high-temperature, high-humidity region recall to include the Gulf Coast states. This campaign included both driver's- and passenger-side airbag inflators
- The following states and territories comprise the High Absolute Humidity Region – Florida; Puerto Rico; Hawaii; Saipan; Guam; American Samoa; US Virgin Islands; Georgia; Alabama; Louisiana; Mississippi; Texas.
- As of December 4th, the estimated vehicles in all Mazda-Takata campaigns is 86,773. (Pending Polk Data confirmation).

Mazda is working closely with Takata to move forward the supply timing for replacement airbags. We continue to encourage customers to respond to our campaigns, and are making direct-to-customer phone calls and re-sending notification letters.

With safety as our first priority, we are cooperating with Takata to work toward finding a solution to this problem as early as possible

This situation is fluid, and updates will be provided regularly.

Mazda North American Operations is headquartered in Irvine, Calif., and oversees the sales, marketing, parts and customer service support of Mazda vehicles in the United States and Mexico through more than 700 dealers. Operations in Mexico are managed by Mazda Motor de Mexico in Mexico City.

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