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Type Approval and Recall Division,  
Maintenance Service Division  
Road Transport Bureau

## At Vehicle Inspection, Rejection of Vehicles with Faulty Airbags Recalled but Not Yet Repaired

To accelerate the recall and repair of vehicles fitted with Takata airbags deemed particularly prone to abnormal explosion (97 models of nine automakers, amounting to about 1.3 million as of October 31, 2017), the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT) has decided to take a measure to reject them at the vehicle inspection from May 2018. The Ministry requests users of a vehicle subject to this measure to have the vehicle repaired as soon as possible without waiting for the certificate of inspection to expire.

### 1. Background and Purpose

Vehicles fitted with Takata airbags have been recalled since 2009 due to a defect that caused the gas generator (inflator) to abnormally explode in a crash and spray vehicle occupants with metal shards.

Efforts to encourage recall and repair have been made, such as giving warning messages to users at the time of vehicle inspection for vehicles that have been recalled but not yet repaired. However,

- As of October 2017, the percentage of repaired vehicles in Japan was 83.2%, leaving about 3.2 million vehicles unrepaired;
- There have been at least 18 people worldwide killed due to abnormal explosion; and
- Repairing the remaining vehicles is a matter of great urgency;

Therefore, in addition to the measures already implemented, we decided to take the following new measure: At the time of vehicle inspection, those vehicles which are under recall but have not yet been repaired and the airbags of which are deemed particularly prone to abnormal explosion, will be rejected.

### 2. Outline of the Measure to Reject Vehicles at the Vehicle Inspection That Are under Recall But Not Yet Repaired (See Attachment 1 for Details)

#### (1) Vehicles Concerned (Attachment 2)

If you are not sure whether your vehicle is subject to this measure, please use the search system below or contact your automaker listed in Attachment 3 for confirmation.

<https://www.jaspa.or.jp/portals/recallsearch/index.html>

## (2) Procedure

- (i) Users and maintenance shops other than car dealers are requested to check whether or not the vehicle to be inspected is one of the Unrepaired Vehicles Concerned using the search system. If it is, they must first repair it at the dealer, etc. and submit the issued repair completion certificate to the Transport Branch Office, etc. together with the application for certificate of inspection.
- (ii) Upon receiving the application for a certificate of inspection, the Transport Branch Office, etc. will check whether the vehicle is one of the Unrepaired Vehicles Concerned using the Motor-Car Total Information Advanced System (MOTAS), etc. and, if it is, will reject the application for certificate of inspection.

## **3. Others**

The Ministry will instruct automakers to take appropriate actions to minimize the burden of this measure on users and maintenance shops. Further, the Ministry will step up its efforts to help automakers accelerate recall and repair by sending effective direct mails, etc.

For inquiries, call 03-5253-8111 (ext: 42363) (Nighttime direct 03-5253-8597) for Imamura or Shimakawa, Type Approval and Recall Division, Road Transport Bureau.
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## **Outline of “Announcement on Special Cases Regarding the Announcement That Prescribes Details of Safety Regulations for Road Vehicles”**

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### **2. Outline of the Measure to Reject Vehicles at the Vehicle Inspection That Are under Recall But Not Yet Repaired**

#### **(1) Vehicles Concerned and Measures Taken (prescribed by the Announcement)**

This measure concerns those vehicles that are fitted with airbags with specific inflators deemed particularly prone to abnormal explosion, for which the automakers had conducted the recall indicated below by April 2016, but that have not yet been repaired (amounting to about 1.3 million) (hereinafter referred to as “Unrepaired Vehicles Concerned”). As to vehicles not specified here, the Ministry will continue to gather technical information, etc. and add any vehicles that are found to be highly dangerous, to the Vehicles Concerned.

- (i) Recalls for which the causes of faults have been identified (including those the automakers claim are equivalent to recalls for which the causes of faults

have been identified, finding the inflator's airtightness to be insufficient and manufacture and maintenance to be inappropriate);

- (ii) Preventive recalls of vehicles fitted with the following airbags using the same types of inflators as those which abnormally exploded in Japan:

Driver's side: Airbags with an SDI type inflator of specifications up to 2010

Passenger's side: Airbags with an SPI type inflator of specifications up to 2010

To specify the scope of the Vehicles Concerned by the above measure, the Ministry has made an "Announcement on Special Cases Regarding the Announcement That Prescribes Details of Safety Regulations for Road Vehicles" (Announcement of the MLIT No. 1154 of 2017).

- (2) How to check whether the vehicle is one of the Vehicles Concerned (prescribed in the notification)

Information on Unrepaired Vehicles Concerned can be found in the Motor-Car Total Information Advanced System (for kei cars, the Light Motor Vehicle Inspection System) (hereinafter collectively referred to as "MOTAS").

Upon inserting the OCR sheet into MOTAS at the Transport Branch Office, etc. for renewing the certification of inspection, the system will automatically check whether the vehicle is an Unrepaired Vehicle Concerned and, if it is, will reject the renewal; provided, however, that the vehicle will be treated as repaired if a document (repair completion certificate) issued by the automaker has been submitted at the same time that certifies that the vehicle has been repaired.

- (3) Actions to be taken by each automaker (prescribed in the notice)

- (i) Create a search system on its own website, etc. that enables users themselves or the maintenance shop, before putting the vehicle in for a vehicle inspection, to easily check whether the vehicle is an Unrepaired Vehicle Concerned;

- (ii) Notify the MLIT without delay of the repair of Vehicles Concerned, since, for MOTAS to be able to automatically determine whether or not a vehicle brought for inspection is an Unrepaired Vehicle Concerned, MOTAS must be kept updated with the latest information;

- (iii) Enhance efforts to thoroughly inform users to promote the repair of

Unrepaired Vehicles Concerned, and also develop its own system for quickly responding to repair requests by stocking substantial quantities of spare parts, etc.;

- (iv) After the repair, it takes MOTAS some time to reflect the status and MOTAS may treat a vehicle as not repaired even if it has been repaired. Therefore, upon repairing an Unrepaired Vehicle Concerned (or when it deems a vehicle as repaired), issue a document that certifies such fact (repair completion certificate);
  - (v) Take special care to ensure that when a user brings an Unrepaired Vehicle Concerned to a maintenance shop for periodical inspections, scheduled check and maintenance, etc., the shop can complete the repair work quickly and smoothly, while minimizing the burden on the user and the maintenance shop.
- (4) Handling of vehicles for which renewal of the certification has been refused at the inspection (prescribed in the notification)

Return the application and attached documents to the applicant together with the notice to the owner of the recalled vehicle printed out by MOTAS at a Transport Branch Office, etc.

(5) Others

In the future, the MLIT will step up its efforts to promote the repair of Unrepaired Vehicles Concerned by thoroughly informing users of the measure in cooperation with all parties concerned, while instructing automakers to properly respond to requests so the burden on owners and maintenance shops will be minimized.

### **3. Schedule**

Announcement and notification on the Measure issued: December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Construction of information and search systems: To be completed by the date of implementation

Implementation of the Measure: May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018

### Vehicles Concerned

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#### Isuzu Motors Limited

Model	Period of manufacture of the vehicle concerned
Como	June 2001-December 2008

#### Subaru Corporation

Model	Period of manufacture of the vehicle concerned
Legacy	April 2003-February 2004
Impreza	January 2004-April 2007

#### Daihatsu Motor Co., Ltd.

Model	Period of manufacture of the vehicle concerned
Mira	December 2002-November 2007
Esse	November 2005-March 2011
Hijet	November 2004-May 2010
Hijet Deck Van	January 2005-November 2007

#### Toyota Motor Corporation

Model	Period of manufacture of the vehicle concerned
Avensis/Avensis Wagon	September 2003-May 2008
Alphard G/V/Hybrid	May 2002-March 2008
Allex	November 2000-October 2006
Ipsum	April 2001-December 2008
Vitz	December 2002-December 2008
Verossa	November 2000-October 2004
Voxy	November 2001-May 2007
Voltz	May 2002-March 2004
Opa	May 2002-April 2005

Gaia	April 2001-August 2004
Corolla	July 2000-October 2006
Corolla Fielder	July 2000-September 2006
Corolla Runx	August 2000-October 2006
Succeed	June 2002-December 2008
Soarer	April 2001-July 2005
Noah	November 2001-May 2007
Brevis	May 2001-June 2007
Probox	June 2002-December 2008
Belta	November 2005-December 2008
Mark II	September 2000-October 2004
Mark II Blit	December 2001-June 2007
RAV 4 J/L	July 2003-October 2005
WiLL Cypha	September 2002-July 2005
WiLL VS	April 2001-April 2004

Lexus (Toyota Motor Corporation)

Model	Period of manufacture of the vehicle concerned
SC 430	August 2005-December 2007

Nissan Motor Co., Ltd.

Model	Period of manufacture of the vehicle concerned
Cube (Z10)	August 2000-August 2002
Cefiro	January 2001-December 2002
Liberty	April 2001-October 2004
Bluebird Silphy	April 2001-December 2005
Caravan	May 2001-December 2008
X-Trail	October 2000-June 2007
Teana	November 2002-December 2008
Datsun	July 2001-August 2002
Safari	January 2002-June 2007
Presage	July 2003-December 2008
Fuga	October 2004-December 2008
Cube (Z12)	November 2008-February 2012
March	June 2010-March 2012
Vanette	March 2004-March 2011

BMW Japan Corp.

Model	Period of manufacture of the vehicle concerned
316ti	January 2002-November 2002
318ti	
318i	December 2001-November 2002
318Ci	February 2002-December 2002
318i Touring	January 2002-December 2002
320i	January 2002-February 2003

325i	January 2002-November 2002
330i	January 2002-December 2002
330Ci	February 2002-December 2002
330Ci Cabriolet	October 2001-December 2002
M3	February 2002-December 2002

Honda Motor Co., Ltd.

Model	Period of manufacture of the vehicle concerned
Accord	October 2002-March 2008
Accord Wagon	October 2002-December 2007
Insight	December 2008-March 2011
Inspire/Saber	March 2001-November 2002
Airwave	March 2005-August 2010
Edix	June 2004-August 2009
Elysion	April 2004-March 2011
Elysion Prestige	
Element	February 2003-September 2005
Crossroad	February 2007-August 2010
That's	January 2002-June 2007
Civic	August 2005-August 2010
Civic GX	February 2001-November 2004
Civic Hybrid	November 2001-December 2010
Civic ferio	August 2000-July 2005
Step WGN	May 2005-September 2009
Step WGN Spada	
Stream	August 2000-March 2011
Zest/Zest Spark	February 2006-March 2011
Partner	March 2006-August 2010
Fit	June 2001-March 2011
Fit aria	
Fit shuttle	
Freed	May 2008-December 2008
Mobilio	November 2001-April 2008
Mobilio spike	September 2002-April 2008
Lagreat	October 2001-February 2004
Legend	September 2004-February 2011
CR-V	September 2001-March 2011
FCX Clarity	May 2008-August 2010
MDX	February 2003-January 2006

Mazda Motor Corporation

Model	Period of manufacture of the vehicle concerned
Atenza	March 2002-November 2007
RX-8	February 2003-June 2003
Bongo	March 2004-March 2011
Bongo Brawny	March 2004-July 2010

Titan	February 2004-July 2010
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Mitsubishi Motors Corporation

Model	Period of manufacture of the vehicle concerned
Lancer	December 2003-December 2008
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Triton	August 2006-April 2010
Delica (commercial)	March 2004-March 2011

For the following automakers, etc. that have conducted the recall of vehicles fitted with Takata airbags, there are no vehicles subject to the measure:

- Audi Japan KK
- FCA Japan Ltd.
- Jaguar Land Rover Japan Limited
- Nicole Racing Japan LLC
- McLaren Automotive Asia Pte Ltd
- Hino Motors, Ltd.
- Ferrari Japan Ltd.
- Ford Japan Limited
- Volkswagen Group Japan KK
- Peugeot Citroën Japon Co., Ltd.
- Mercedes-Benz Japan Co., Ltd.
- UD Trucks Corporation

## Automakers &amp; Contact Numbers

Automaker (In Japanese alphabetical order)	Contact Number *1	Website URL *2
Audi Japan KK	0120-598-119	<a href="http://www.audi.co.jp/ip/web/ja/service_accessory.html#page=/ip/web/ja/service_accessory/info_top/recall.htm">http://www.audi.co.jp/ip/web/ja/service_accessory.html#page=/ip/web/ja/service_accessory/info_top/recall.htm</a>
Isuzu Motors Limited	0120-119-113	<a href="http://www.isuzu.co.jp/recall/">http://www.isuzu.co.jp/recall/</a>
FCA Japan Ltd.	0120-712-812	<a href="http://fcagroupprecallinfo.kir.jp/Rinfo/search/index.php">http://fcagroupprecallinfo.kir.jp/Rinfo/search/index.php</a>
Subaru Corporation	0120-412-215	<a href="http://recall.subaru.co.jp/lqsb/">http://recall.subaru.co.jp/lqsb/</a>
Daihatsu Motor Co., Ltd.	0800-500-0182	<a href="https://www.daihatsu.co.jp/info/recall/search/recall_search.php">https://www.daihatsu.co.jp/info/recall/search/recall_search.php</a>
Toyota Motor Corporation - Toyota	0800-700-7700	<a href="http://www.toyota.co.jp/recall-search/dc/search">http://www.toyota.co.jp/recall-search/dc/search</a>
- Lexus	0800-500-5577	<a href="http://lexus.jp/recall/">http://lexus.jp/recall/</a>
Nicole Racing Japan LLC	0120-699-250	<a href="http://alpina.co.jp/services/recall/recall-information/">http://alpina.co.jp/services/recall/recall-information/</a>
Nissan Motor Co., Ltd.	0120-941-232	<a href="http://www.nissan.co.jp/RECALL/search.html">http://www.nissan.co.jp/RECALL/search.html</a>
BMW Japan Corp.	0120-269-437	<a href="http://bmw-japan.jp/after-service/recall_search.html">http://bmw-japan.jp/after-service/recall_search.html</a>
Hino Motors, Ltd.	0120-106-558	<a href="http://www.hino.co.jp/j/service/recall/index.php">http://www.hino.co.jp/j/service/recall/index.php</a>
Volkswagen Group Japan KK	0120-509-300	<a href="http://web.volkswagen.co.jp/afterservice/etc/recall.html">http://web.volkswagen.co.jp/afterservice/etc/recall.html</a>
Peugeot Citroën Japon Co., Ltd.	0120-55-4106	<a href="http://www.citroen.jp/services/recall/">http://www.citroen.jp/services/recall/</a>
Honda Motor Co., Ltd.	0120-112-010	<a href="http://recallsearch4.honda.co.jp/sqs/r001/R00101.do?fn=link.disp">http://recallsearch4.honda.co.jp/sqs/r001/R00101.do?fn=link.disp</a>
Mazda Motor Corporation	0120-386-919	<a href="http://www2.mazda.co.jp/service/recall/">http://www2.mazda.co.jp/service/recall/</a>
Mitsubishi Motors Corporation	0120-324-860	<a href="http://recall.mitsubishi-motors.co.jp/Recall/jspforward.do?page=/searchrecallstatus.jsp&amp;prefix=">http://recall.mitsubishi-motors.co.jp/Recall/jspforward.do?page=/searchrecallstatus.jsp&amp;prefix=</a>
Mercedes-Benz Japan Co., Ltd.	0120-086-880	<a href="http://www.mercedes-benz.jp/my-service/recall/search/index.html">http://www.mercedes-benz.jp/my-service/recall/search/index.html</a>
UD Trucks Corporation	0120-67-2301	<a href="https://www.udtrucks.com/ja-jp/service-and-parts/recall-info/recalls/recalls/2016/20160630">https://www.udtrucks.com/ja-jp/service-and-parts/recall-info/recalls/recalls/2016/20160630</a>

The shading indicates the automakers whose vehicles will be subject to this measure and will be rejected at the vehicle inspection if not repaired.

- \*1 To check whether your vehicle is subject to this measure, go to the search system of the automaker or call it for confirmation.
- \*2 You can use each automaker's website or search system to check whether your vehicle has been recalled or not. Since this requires your vehicle's chassis number, refer to its certificate of inspection when searching.