

Advice to Approved Inspection Stations

Takata Airbag recall – November 2018

In February 2018, the Federal Government issued a compulsory recall for vehicles fitted with defective Takata airbags.

The compulsory recall requires manufacturers of vehicles with defective Takata airbags to replace all defective airbags in Australian vehicles by 31 December 2020. Replacement schedules for the affected airbags have been set based on the safety risk for each type of defective airbag ('alpha' and 'beta' airbags).

The higher risk 'alpha' airbags are under critical recall and require immediate replacement. These higher risk alpha airbags were installed in certain Honda, Toyota, Nissan, BMW, Mazda and Lexus cars, with models manufactured between 2001 and 2004.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is supporting the critical recall of Takata alpha airbags by directly notifying Queensland registered operators of vehicles with the higher risk alpha airbags to have the defective airbags replaced as soon as possible to avoid further action.

Whilst it is the vehicle holder's responsibility to check if their vehicle is affected by the recall, **TMR is also seeking the support of Approved Inspection Stations (AIS) to assist with the recall process.**

It would be appreciated if AISs could check whether any vehicle you inspect is subject to recall and defective airbags have not been replaced. This request covers both alpha and beta airbags. AISs are asked to make a note in the comments section of the inspection certificate to indicate if a vehicle subject to recall has not had airbags replaced. Whilst this is not a mandatory check, your support will assist both the buyer and seller of a vehicle and potentially improve the recall rate. Approved examiners are asked to write "vehicle subject to recall" in the comments section of the inspection certificate to indicate if the airbag has not been replaced.

The simplest way to check if the vehicle is subject to recall, is by visiting the Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries, "Is my airbag safe" website: <https://ismyairbagsafe.com.au> and entering the vehicle's registration number and the state or territory of vehicle registration. The website will confirm if the vehicle is subject to recall and if so, you will be able to select a link to the manufacturers website which will indicate if defective airbags have been replaced. If the registration number is not available, use the link to the product safety website below to access the manufacturer's website and use the VIN of the vehicle to confirm if it is affected by the recall.

For more information on the compulsory Takata airbag recall visit <https://www.productsafety.gov.au/recalls/compulsory-takata-airbag-recall>

Thank you for your assistance.

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