

Toyota is conducting final phase of safety recall involving Takata airbag inflators ahead of schedule

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PLANO, Texas (October 17, 2019) – Toyota is conducting the final phase of the safety recall involving Takata airbag inflators. The vehicles involved are certain 2003-2013 Model Year Corolla, certain 2009-2010 Model Year Corolla Matrix, certain 2008-2012 Model Year Scion xB, certain 2002-2007 Model Year Sequoia, certain 2011-2013 Model Year Sienna, certain 2010-2016 Model Year 4Runner, certain 2004-2005 Model Year RAV4, certain 2003-2006 Model Year Tundra, certain 2007-2012 Model Year Yaris, certain 2007-2012 Model Year Lexus ES 350, certain 2010-2017 Model Year Lexus GX 460, certain 2006-2012 Model Year Lexus IS 250/IS 350, certain 2010-2015 Model Year Lexus IS 250C/IS 350C, certain 2008-2009 Model Year Lexus IS F and certain 2002-2010 Model Year Lexus SC 430 in the United States. Approximately, 928,000 vehicles are involved in this phase of the recall.

This last phase for Takata-produced front passenger or driver airbag inflators is being done in advance of NHTSA’s established schedule as final remedy inflators are now available.

The involved vehicles were repaired under a previous Takata airbag inflator recall with non-desiccated phase stabilized ammonium nitrate front passenger or driver airbag inflators produced by Takata, because final remedy inflators were not yet available. This is known as a “like for like” repair. These previously installed Takata inflators will now be replaced by inflators produced by other suppliers.

According to Takata’s reports, a defect related to motor vehicle safety may arise in the inflators due to propellant degradation occurring after prolonged exposure to high absolute humidity, high temperatures, and high temperature cycling. Activation of a non-desiccated ammonium nitrate inflator with degraded propellant may result in an inflator rupture. An inflator rupture may cause metal fragments to pass through the airbag and into the vehicle interior at high speed, which may result in injury or death to vehicle occupants.

Depending on the vehicle model, dealers will replace the front passenger or driver airbag inflator, or the airbag assembly at no cost to owners. In the United States, owners of all involved vehicles will be notified by mid-December.

Information about automotive recalls, including but not limited to the list of involved vehicles, is current as of today’s filing date and is subject to change thereafter. To see if your vehicle is involved in a safety recall visit Toyota.com/recall or nhtsa.gov/recalls and enter your Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) or license plate information.

For the most up to date information surrounding recalls visit nhtsa.gov/recalls. For any additional questions, customer support is also available by calling the Toyota Customer Experience Center at 1.800.331.4331 or the Lexus Guest Experience Center at 1.800.255.3987.