

BULLETIN

All Members



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URGENT INFORMATION: Takata Airbag Situation

Please be advised that today the Assistant Minister to the Treasurer, The Hon. Michael Sukkar MP, issued a compulsory recall for all vehicles fitted with defective Takata airbags. The ACCC advises that there are approximately 2.3 million vehicles in Australia presently equipped with the Affected Takata Airbag Inflators.

You can access information about the [compulsory recall](#) by taking the highlighted link.

It is important to note that a 'supplier' of a vehicle as defined within the recall notice is not a dealer in relation to vehicles and spare parts it supplies to consumers. In broad terms a 'supplier' would be an Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) or licensed distributor of the OEM.

The compulsory recall applies to:

- all vehicles that are subject to existing Takata voluntary recalls, and
- approximately 1.3 million additional vehicles that have not been voluntarily recalled.

The ACCC advise that the compulsory recall requires **suppliers** of vehicles with defective Takata airbags to replace all defective Takata airbags in Australian vehicles by **31 December 2020**

The ACCC statement announces that some vehicles will be recalled immediately, and others on a rolling basis, with the schedule based on various factors including relative safety risk. This means that not all vehicles will be recalled straight away. The compulsory recall places a greater urgency on the higher risk Alpha airbags with all Affected Takata Airbags scheduled for December 31 2020 replacement.

VACC Action

VACC is currently doing an in-depth analysis of the recall notice and has placed further queries with the ACCC.

From August 2017, VACC has been in continuous high level dialogue with ACCC and vehicle manufacturers regarding the ongoing Takata Airbag situation and its impact on dealers.

You will find a submission made by VACC to ACCC, at the ACCC's request, from October 2017 regarding the impact of this issue on dealers by [clicking here](#). It was the then view of industry that an announcement would be made pre-Christmas 2017.

VACC will make the appropriate changes to prescribed documents, including contracts of sale and generating other labels and notices as required by the recall. Members will be able to access these by mid - March 2018.

VACC has also requested that ACCC conduct an industry information briefing to be held at VACC House for members to gain a better understanding of their future obligations.

Please feel free to contact me.

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