

Ferrari caught up in Takata air bag recall

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dd Ferrari to the list of automakers affected by the Takata air bag failure.

The Italian luxury car company, confirming a recall notice from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, said Monday that it had been notified by Takata Corp. that certain driver's side air bags manufactured by the Japanese company, installed in certain vehicles, were defective.

Ferrari has issued a recall for about 2,600 cars, all of them model year 2015 vehicles. The recall affects some of Ferrari's 458 Italia, 458 Speciale, California T, FF, F12berlinetta and LaFerrari cars.

"The issue is a possible production defect in a component inside the air bags," Ferrari said in a statement.

The still-expanding Takata air bag failure, the largest automobile recall in the industry's history, has already affected more than 33 million vehicles sold in the United States. At least six people have died, and more than 100 have been injured, in incidents involving the defective air bags, which can deploy suddenly or fail to deploy in an accident.

Ferrari now joins the list of automakers who have issued recall notices for cars with Takata air bags. Already recalled are cars made by BMW, Chevrolet, Chrysler, Dodge, Ford, General Motors, Honda, Acura, Mazda, Mitsubishi, Nissan, Infiniti, Pontiac, Saab, Subaru, Toyota and Lexus.

This is Ferrari's second recall in a year. In September 2014, the company was the subject of a NHTSA recall announcement warning that a defective latch could result in a victim being trapped inside the Ferrari 458's trunk.

Vehicle owners concerned about their cars may consult this website for more information on the recall: <http://www.safercar.gov/rs/takata/index.html>.

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