Safety Recall DSC - UPDATE
Certain 2002-2010 Model Year SC 430 Vehicles
Front Passenger Airbag Inflator Module

On March 1, 2016, Lexus expanded Safety Recall DSC to include 2008-2010 model year SC 430 vehicles.

Q1: What is the condition?
A1: The subject vehicles are equipped with front passenger airbag inflators which may have been manufactured in such a way as to have a potential for the intrusion of moisture over time. Depending on the circumstances, this could create excessive internal pressure when the airbag is deployed and cause the inflator to rupture. In the event of an inflator rupture, metal fragments could pass through the airbag cushion material, striking the vehicle occupants and potentially resulting in serious injury or death.

Q1a: What is the Inflator?
A1a: The inflator is a device contained within the airbag assembly. It contains a solid propellant wafers which are ignited in the event airbag deployment is necessary. When ignited, the wafers expand into an inert gas, inflating the airbag.

Q2: How does my vehicle relate to the Takata and Lexus action for Areas of High Absolute Humidity?
A2: Lexus has two separate Safety Recall actions related to Takata inflators. One is a nationwide recall (Lexus recall #DSC) and a second (Lexus recall #ELG) is focused on the gulf coast states and other areas with consistently high absolute humidity. Your vehicle is included in the nationwide Takata recall activity. Please note that both recalls have the same final remedy - airbag inflator replacement.

Takata has tested parts recovered from recalled vehicles. Test results from the parts recovered from consistently high absolute humidity areas (such as Florida and the Gulf Coast) have shown a possible correlation with high absolute humidity areas and elevated risk for passenger airbag inflator rupture. Test results of parts from areas with lower absolute humidity than these coastal regions have less risk of rupture. The geographic concentration of inflators with the potential for rupture in these areas of consistently high absolute humidity warrants priority replacement in these areas. Therefore, Lexus is conducting a separate Safety Recall (Lexus recall #ELG) for areas with High Absolute Humidity, and is prioritizing the remedy of the vehicles in these areas.

Q2a: What is absolute humidity?
A2a: The measure of the water vapor content in the air is known as absolute humidity, and it is displayed in grams of water vapor per cubic meter of air. Higher temperature, southern coastal climates consistently experience the greatest concentrations of water vapor in the air, as warmer ambient air can hold more water. Note: relative humidity is simply a percentage value and is related to current or measured temperature; therefore, areas with high relative humidity do not necessarily have high absolute humidity.

Q3: Until I have the remedy performed, are there any steps I can take to minimize the occurrence of this condition.
A3: No, There are no steps you can take to minimize the occurrence of this condition. However, the condition does not cause the airbag to activate when it should not. Also, the front passenger airbag is designed to inflate only in certain moderate to severe crashes. To further minimize risk, Lexus recommends that you locate passengers into the rear seating positions.

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Q4: **What should you do?**
A4: Please contact any authorized Lexus dealer to schedule an appointment to have your front passenger airbag inflator replaced free of charge. When taking your vehicle to the dealership for your service appointment it is recommended that only the driver occupy the vehicle. If you are uncomfortable driving the vehicle to the dealership, please contact your local authorized Lexus dealer who will arrange for vehicle pick up. **Until the remedy is performed, the front passenger seat should NOT be occupied.**

If you do not follow the instructions in the owner letter, you should not drive your vehicle.

Q5: **Are there concerns with other airbags in the vehicle?**
A5: No, this condition only applies to the front passenger airbag inflator. Other airbags in the vehicle are not affected by this condition.

Q6: **Will Lexus disconnect the involved airbag or the other airbags in my vehicle?**
A6: Lexus dealers have sufficient quantities of replacement parts to complete remedy repairs. Owners should visit a Lexus dealer to receive their replacement airbag inflator and system check. Airbag assemblies are integral parts of the overall vehicle safety system and the integrity of the system should always be checked by drivers observing the dash mounted warning lights. Lexus dealers are not authorized to disconnect any airbag system as part of this Safety Recall action.

Q7: **What is Lexus going to do?**
A7: Lexus notified all owners of vehicles covered by this safety recall except for those covered by the March 2016 expansion.

Lexus will begin notifying owners of vehicles covered by the March 2016 expansion beginning in mid-March, 2016.

Lexus dealer will replace the front passenger airbag inflator at no charge to the vehicle owner.

Q7a: **How does Lexus obtain my mailing information?**
A7a: Lexus uses an industry provider who works with each states’ Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to receive registration or title information, based upon the DMV records. Please make sure your registration or title information is correct.

Q7b: **Do I need my owner letter to have the remedy performed?**
A7b: You do not need an owner letter to have this recall completed; however, to assist the dealer in confirming vehicle eligibility, we request that you present this notice at the time of your service appointment.

Q8: **Which and how many vehicles are covered by this Safety Recall?**
A8: There are approximately 34,000 vehicles covered by Safety Recall DSC.

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Q8a: **Are there any other Lexus/Toyota/Scion vehicles covered by this Safety Recall in the U.S.?**
A8a: Yes. There are approximately 1,874,000 Toyota vehicles (certain 2003-2008 MY Corolla, Corolla Matrix, 2003-2006 MY Tundra, and certain 2002-2007 MY Sequoia) covered by Toyota recall #DSF in the U.S.
Q9: What if I previously paid for repairs to my vehicle for this condition?
A9: Reimbursement consideration instruction will be provided in the remedy owner letter.

Q10: What if I have additional questions or concerns?
A10: If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact the Lexus Customer Assistance Center at 1-800-255-3987 Monday through Friday, 5:00 am to 6:00 pm, or Saturday 7:00 am to 4:00 pm Pacific Time.