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## **Thousands of Tasmanian families at risk from new faulty airbag threat**

A new serious Takata airbag safety recall is putting Tasmanian families at risk, with RACT urging motorists to check if their vehicle is affected.

The airbags – fitted with a NADI 5-AT propellant – are not captured under the existing compulsory recall of Takata airbags.

“About 78,000 vehicles manufactured by Audi, BMW, Ford, Honda, Mazda, Mitsubishi, Suzuki and Toyota between 1996 and 2000 and fitted with the faulty NADI airbag were sold in Australia,” RACT General Manager Mobility Services Darren Moody said.

“While many of these vehicles may no longer be in use, with Tasmania having the oldest vehicle fleet in Australia at an average of 12.8 years, it is likely that a large number of these vehicles are still on our roads.

“It is estimated that about 4000 of these vehicles are still registered in Tasmania.

“These airbags may misdeploy in a crash, which may cause metal fragments to propel out of the airbag at high speed, or they may underinflate.

“Either way, vehicle occupants would be at risk.”

The RACT is aware of three incidents involving suspected misdeployment of these airbags in Australia, resulting in serious injuries and a fatality.

Mr Moody said all eight companies had started voluntary recall of affected vehicles.

Motorists can check if their vehicle is affected by visiting <https://www.productsafety.gov.au/recalls/recall-of-takata-nadi-5-at-airbags>

Meanwhile, car manufacturers have replaced more than 85,000 faulty airbags in Tasmania under the compulsory Takata recall program. But Mr Moody said that across Australia, more than 6000 faulty "alpha" airbags still required urgent replacement.

Mr Moody said it was critically important to distinguish between the two recalls and for motorists to double check that their vehicle was safe.

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