



Takata airbag recall



The Takata airbag recall is the largest vehicle recall in history, with 2 out of every 7 vehicles on Australian roads affected. Motor dealers should be checking the recall status of each second-hand vehicle in your possession. You cannot sell a vehicle that is under active recall.

A list of all vehicles under active and future recall is available on the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) website. The ACCC have also

developed a [guidance document](#) for motor dealers to assist with understanding your obligations under the Australian Consumer Law (ACL).

Vehicles that are part of the future recall may be sold, however, you must advise the purchaser prior to the sale that the vehicle's airbags are part of the recall and will need to be replaced. Dealers are advised to contact the manufacturer directly if you are unsure or require further information about a particular vehicle.

Takata alpha airbags require immediate replacement



Takata alpha airbags pose the highest safety risk of all the recalled airbags. There are approximately 25,000 vehicles throughout Australia which contain an 'alpha' airbag that are yet to be replaced.

The higher risk alpha airbags were installed in certain Honda, Toyota, Nissan, BMW, Mazda and Lexus cars, with models sold between 2001 and 2004. A full list of vehicles containing alpha airbags that require immediate replacement can be found on the [ACCC website](#).

If you have any vehicles in stock with an alpha airbag, you should take immediate steps to have the airbags replaced due to the significant risk of death or injury if a vehicle containing alpha airbags is involved in a collision.

Free information sessions for dealers and repairers



Fair Trading's Automotive Team provides free information seminars for motor dealers and repairers. Seminars provide an opportunity for you to keep updated on relevant industry topics, including:

- How Fair Trading intervenes in motor vehicle disputes
- Licensing and licensing renewals (including trade certificates)
- Prescribed forms and registers
- An overview of your businesses obligations under the Australian Consumer Law
- Tips and information on best practice when dealing with consumers
- Guest speakers from MTA NSW, IAME and SafeWork NSW (subject to availability)

Seminars are held in across various locations within metropolitan Sydney and Regional NSW locations. Visit our [events register](#) to view and register for upcoming events.

Event dates and times may be subject to change. Those who are pre-registered will be notified of any changes prior to the event.

Form 2 registers for repairers



Holders of Motor Vehicle Repairers Licences (MVRL) are required to keep a Form 2 register in accordance with section 100 of the *Motor Dealers and Repairers Act 2013*.

The purpose of the Form 2 register is to record the acquisition (how you got it) and disposal (where it went) details of **prescribed** second-hand parts used while carrying out your business as a repairer.

Any **prescribed** second-hand part on your premises should be entered in the register. Fair Trading inspectors check the register when conducting inspections.

Below is a list of **prescribed** second-hand parts:

Chassis	Rear bumper bar	Left side door (back)	Multimedia equipment
Major body section	Engine/engine block	Hatchback door	Airbags and air curtains (side impact airbags)
Bonnet	Gearbox/transmission/transaxle (front wheel drive vehicles)	Boot lid	Alloy wheels
Right side door (front)	Instrument cluster/odometer/hour gauge	Right front guard	Seats
Left side door (front)	Car radio/tape/compact disc (CD equipment)	Left front guard	Finaldrive (differential for rear wheel drive vehicles)
Right side door (back)	Electronic navigation equipment	Front bumper bar	Headlights

Car tyre fitting repair work



Tyre fitting repair work not affecting the mechanical operation of the vehicle, the vehicle's structure or safety features can now be carried out by people who do not hold a tradesperson's certificate.

The requirement to obtain the relevant tradesperson's certificate is maintained for the following work:

- tyre fitting that affects the mechanical operation of the vehicle, the structure of the vehicle or vehicle safety features (such as impact sensors and airbags);
- wheel alignments;
- tyre fitting for wheels with split rims; or
- work requiring the disassembly of braking or suspension systems such as tyre fitting for motorcycles.

A full copy of the [Statement of Regulatory Intent](#) is available on the Fair Trading website.

Have your say on changes to empower consumers and small businesses



The NSW Government has opened public consultation on a range of possible reforms that are designed to empower consumers and small businesses in NSW by facilitating easy and transparent trading. The proposals are focused on driving efficient markets, supporting economic growth and creating opportunities for innovation.

Some of the possible changes include:

- introducing a choice of 1, 3 or 5 year licences for motor dealers, repairers and other licence holders
- simplifying tow truck licensing so that a licence is only needed when providing services directly to consumers
- reducing locational restrictions on licensed motor vehicle dealers
- updating uncollected goods regulation
- creating a central data portal on traders and licensees.

Visit the [Have your say section](#) of our website for more information and to make a submission. The deadline for submissions is **27 August 2018**.

Changed address?



The Motor Dealer & Repairers Act 2013 requires licensed motor dealers, repairers and recyclers to notify Fair Trading within 14 days of any change of business address. This includes updating vehicle registration details if you run a mobile workshop.

You may nominate more than one address from where you conduct business and still operate using the same licence number.

You can update your address, or add an additional address for your business, using the [licence amendment application form](#).

Employing a tradesperson?



If you are looking to employ a new tradesperson, you should ensure that they hold appropriate qualifications and that their tradesperson certificate is current. You can be fined \$330 for each employee that does not have a current tradesperson certificate.

If you choose to employ someone through a Temporary Skill Shortage (TSS) visa (formerly '457' visa), they must have a current tradesperson certificate in the appropriate class of work.

In NSW, a tradesperson certificate is also required in addition to conducting any Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) to obtain qualifications recognised in Australia.

The NSW Government maintains a public register for motor dealers, recyclers, repairers and tradespersons. View [the register](#) to check whether a licence or certificate is current.

Western Sydney motor dealer fined for making false or misleading representations



Jay Younis of Wholesale Partners Pty Ltd pled guilty to three charges of making false or misleading representation in form 5 paperwork. Mr Younis was fined \$8,500 for indicating that Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) inspections had been completed on three vehicles, when no inspections had taken place.

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