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Consumer Product Recall Round-Up: Automotive

In addition to litigating consumer product liability claims, Cohen Milstein's Complex Tort Litigation practice group tracks automotive product safety news and recalls.

Since January 2020, millions of automobiles have been recalled for safety issues relating to airbags, software, brakes, and more. Here are some of the largest recalls so far:

Takata Air Bag Recalls: In January, USA Today reported that Takata is recalling 10 million additional front air bag inflators throughout the year because they can explode with too much force, causing catastrophic injuries or death. The air bags were sold to 14 different automakers, including "Audi, BMW, Honda, Daimler Vans, Fiat Chrysler, Ferrari, Ford, General Motors, Mazda, Mitsubishi, Nissan, Subaru, Toyota and Volkswagen." The additional 10 million inflators are part of the approximately 63 million recalled in the U.S. For the latest Takata air bag recall information, click here.





Hyundai Elantra Antilock Braking System Recall: In February, Hyundai started recalling more than 400,000 Elantra sedans and wagons because of a faulty ABS module, which helps control the antilock braking, could short circuit and cause a fire. Consumer Reports reported that the recall included "396,025 Hyundai Elantra sedans from the 2006 through 2011 model years manufactured between Aug. 26, 2005 and Nov. 23, 2010" and "33,361 Hyundai Elantra Touring wagons from the 2007 through 2011 model years manufactured between Jun. 21, 2007 and Dec. 6, 2010"

Ford Suspension Recall: In February, Ford started recalling more than **240,000 SUVs and cars** because of a suspension component that could break while driving and increase the risk of a crash. AP Newswire reported that the recall includes "Ford Flex, Taurus police car, Taurus SHO and Lincoln MKT from the 2013 through 2018 model years."





Tesla Power Steering Recall: In February, **Reuters** reported that Tesla announced a recall of **15,000 Model X SUVs** because "of a potential issue that can lead to a loss of power steering assist that could make steering harder and increase the risk of a crash." The recall includes Model X vehicles built in 2016.

For more information on the latest automotive recalls, please visit Cohen Milstein's U.S. Product Recall News page for product recall news and updates – across industry sectors, or visit NHTSA's website at www.nhtsa.gov/recalls.

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