

## **Products Liability Law Daily Wrap Up, NHTSA NEWS—MOTOR VEHICLES—NHTSA urges owners to schedule recall remedy for Ford Rangers, Mazda B-Series trucks, (May 10, 2018)**

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The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) issued a second plea to owners of certain higher risk model year 2006 Ford Rangers and Mazda B-Series trucks with defective Takata airbags, encouraging them to schedule a free repair as soon as possible for their own safety and for the protection of their loved ones. According to the agency, the subject vehicles, which are under a "do not drive" warning, are not being repaired quickly enough. NHTSA released an earlier statement in February 2018, urging owners to complete the recall remedy immediately [see *Products Liability Law Daily's* February 12, 2018 [analysis](#)] ([NHTSA News Release](#), May 7, 2018).

According to the auto manufacturers, 49.2 percent of the 33,320 impacted model year 2006 Ford Rangers have been mitigated, and 58 percent of the 2,205 impacted Mazda B-Series trucks have been mitigated. Both Ford and Mazda have authorized their dealers to tow these vehicles free of charge so consumers can safely obtain the free repair.

NHTSA is asking the media, safety advocates, and the public to help spread its urgent safety message to ensure it reaches owners, particularly in the following media markets, where many of the vehicles are located: New York, New York; Los Angeles, California; Chicago, Illinois; San Francisco, California; Dallas-Ft. Worth, Texas; Houston-Galveston, Texas; Washington, D.C.; Atlanta, Georgia; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Boston, Massachusetts; Miami-Ft. Lauderdale-Hollywood, Florida; Phoenix, Arizona; San Diego, California; Portland, Oregon; Riverside-San Bernardino, California; San Antonio, Texas; Austin, Texas; West Palm Beach-Boca Raton, Florida; Knoxville, Tennessee; Wilmington, Delaware; and the U.S. Territory of Puerto Rico.

To stay informed of current and future recalls, NHTSA advises consumers to visit [NHTSA.gov](http://NHTSA.gov) and search for recalled vehicles by Vehicle Identification Number (VIN). Owners also may sign up at [NHTSA.gov/Alerts](http://NHTSA.gov/Alerts) to be notified by e-mail of future recalls.

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