

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

# 19V-181

**Manufacturer Name :** Karma Automotive LLC**Submission Date :** MAR 06, 2019**NHTSA Recall No. :** 19V-181**Manufacturer Recall No. :** 5.84.17.001.01**Manufacturer Information :**

Manufacturer Name : Karma Automotive LLC

Address : 9950 Jeronimo Road

Irvine CA 92618

Company phone : 6572348755

**Population :**

Number of potentially involved : 472

Estimated percentage with defect : 100 %

**Vehicle Information :**

Vehicle 1 : 2012-2012 Fisker Karma

Vehicle Type : LOW VOLUME VEHICLES

Body Style : 2-DOOR

Power Train : HYBRID ELECTRIC

**Descriptive Information :** MY 2012 Fisker Karma vehicles equipped with a Takata PSPI-1.1 air bag inflator at the front passenger position that are or were registered in the following states:

**Zone B:** Arizona, Arkansas, Delaware, District of Columbia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.

**Zone C:** Alaska, Colorado, Connecticut, Idaho, Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, New Hampshire, New York, North Dakota, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Utah, Vermont, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

Total vehicles affected in Zone B: 313

Total vehicles affected in Zone C: 159

Production Dates : FEB 08, 2011 - FEB 15, 2012

VIN Range 1 : Begin : YH4K10BA0CA000046 End : YH4K16AAXCA001452

 Not sequential

**Description of Defect :**

Description of the Defect : As specified by T.K. Holdings Inc. ("Takata") in its Defect Information Report submitted on January 3, 2017, "Takata has determined that a defect related to motor vehicle safety may arise in some of the subject non-desiccated ammonium nitrate inflators due to propellant degradation occurring after prolonged exposure to high absolute humidity, high temperatures, and high temperature cycling. Testing and analysis conducted by Takata and by independent entities have found that there are wide differences in the time periods in which propellant degradation takes place. The propellant degradation varies in different climate zones, in different vehicle makes and models, and in different inflator and propellant configurations. Takata believes that the subject inflators perform as originally designed and manufactured and do not pose an unreasonable risk to safety until they reach a certain level of propellant degradation."

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : As specified by Takata in its Defect Information Report submitted on January 3, 2017, "Activation of a non-desiccated ammonium nitrate inflator with degraded propellant may result in an inflator rupture. An inflator rupture may cause metal fragments to pass through the air bag and into the vehicle interior at high speed, which may result in injury or death to vehicle occupants."

Description of the Cause : NR

Identification of Any Warning  
that can Occur : NR**Supplier Identification :****Component Manufacturer**

Name : Joyson Safety Systems Acquisition Takata

Address : 2500 Takata Drive  
Auburn Hills MICHIGAN 48326

Country : United States

**Chronology :**

On January 3, 2017, Takata issued a Defect Information Report in which it determined that a defect related to motor vehicle safety may arise in some of the passenger air bag inflators installed in certain Model Year ("MY") 2012 Fisker Karma vehicles due to propellant degradation occurring after prolonged exposure to high absolute humidity, high temperatures, and high temperature cycling.

Although Karma does not have any legal duty to recall Fisker Karma vehicles, in consultation with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (“NHTSA”), and as a goodwill gesture, Karma and its dealers have agreed to provide a free replacement for the passenger inflators covered by the Takata determination that are installed in the MY 2012 Fisker Karma vehicles identified above.

## Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : The passenger frontal airbag inflators will be replaced at no charge to vehicle owners.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : The replacement inflators will be manufactured by Autoliv, Inc.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : NR

## Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : All vehicles originally sold and registered in Zones B and C will be recalled on March 31, 2019. Vehicle owners will be notified via first class mail on or before April 30, 2019.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : MAR 29, 2019 - MAR 29, 2019

Planned Owner Notification Date : APR 30, 2019 - APR 30, 2019

\* NR - Not Reported