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Eight million Australian vehicles checked for deadly Takata airbags

The Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries (FCAI) today revealed the industry website, www.ismyairbagsafe.com.au, has enabled more than eight million Australians to check whether their vehicle is fitted with a faulty Takata airbag that can seriously injure or kill vehicle occupants.

This figure represents nearly half of the 17.8 million passenger cars and light commercial vehicles registered on Australian roads today. From these vehicles checks, almost 1.3 million vehicles have been identified as carrying the faulty airbags.

According to Tony Weber, chief executive of the FCAI, the website traffic is a strong result.

“This is a great move in the right direction - but it’s not the end of the story.

“If your vehicle has been identified as having a faulty Takata airbag, the next step is to speak to your dealer and schedule the fitment of a replacement airbag as soon as possible.”

Since its inception in July 2018, the industry website has played an important role helping vehicle owners check if their vehicles are fitted with faulty airbags. Initially, there were more than three million vehicles affected by the recall, but with an aware general public using tools like the industry website, this number has reduced to approximately 500,000.

“The website is very simple to use,” Mr Weber said.

“Just enter your vehicle’s registration number and state or territory. You can also check by texting TAKATA to 0487 AIRBAG (247 224). It’s quick and any required rectification will not cost you a cent.”

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