



Disabled front passenger airbags and WoFs - advice for vehicle owners

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Warrant of Fitness (WoF) inspectors are now required to check for evidence of disabled front passenger airbags on some Japanese used imported vehicles.

If this evidence is found, the car will fail its WoF and the inspector will need to see evidence the airbag is reconnected.

If your car has failed its WoF due to a disabled airbag

1. Contact a motor vehicle dealer about taking your car in to ensure the airbag is connected.
2. Get a letter or invoice from the dealer showing that the airbag is connected or has been reconnected.
3. Bring that letter or invoice back to the WoF inspection site within the standard 28 days for re-inspection.

If your car is a Japanese used import but there is no evidence showing it has a disabled airbag, you may still need to take further action

WoF inspectors will be able to pick up cases where the vehicle is known to have a disabled airbag – however, some affected vehicles have no evidence of this happening.

If your Japanese used import is subject to the Takata airbags recall and was first registered in New Zealand after the Takata recall was announced in 2013, you should have the front passenger airbag checked by a motor vehicle dealer. WoF inspectors are unable to do these checks.



For more information about any of the above, visit the Transport Agency's website www.nzta.govt.nz/airbag-recall or call **0800 108 809**