

PUBLIC NOTICE

AIRBAGS REPLACED SINCE 1998

WARNING FROM THE SAAQ

This notice from the Société de l'assurance automobile is intended for vehicle owners with airbags that were replaced since 1998. The Société has recently learned that rebuilt airbags that may present a risk to vehicle occupant safety have entered the market. When deployed, these handmade airbags could cause serious head or upper body injuries.

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The Société therefore mandated experts to validate this information, who conducted laboratory tests that showed that these rebuilt airbags present a real safety hazard.

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The Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec then proceeded to ensure that the manufacture or sale of rebuilt airbags be stopped immediately through a court injunction obtained against Coussins gonflables Demers Inc. and National sacs gonflables Inc., the two firms currently known in Québec for dealing in this kind of product.

Vehicle owners who have any doubts about their airbags are asked to report to an authorized dealer to have the airbags verified. Any charges are at the cost of the owner.

This notice applies primarily to vehicle owners whose airbags have been replaced since 1998, notably the owners of rebuilt or used cars from that period.

The Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec recommends that deployed airbags always be replaced with unused airbags.

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Persons interested in further information are asked to call the following numbers, Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.:

Québec City: (418) 643-7620 • Montréal: (514) 873-7620 • Elsewhere in Québec: 1 800 361-7620

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