



18th January 2019

IMPORTANT PRODUCT SAFETY RECALL

RECALL INSTRUCTIONS TO END USER AND INSTALLER

INSTRUCTIONS FOR IDENTIFICATION AND REPLACEMENT OF SEATBELT ANCHORAGE BOLT – 7/16” 38mm long Grade 5 Silver Anchorage Bolt.

Defect and Hazard:

APV Safety Products Pty Ltd ACN 110 355 934 (**APV Safety Products**) have been advised from our Australian fastener supplier of seatbelt anchorage bolts, Fuji Fasteners Pty Ltd ACN 107 678 017 (**Fuji Fasteners**) that due to internal defects in one batch of their anchorage bolts, they have initiated a recall of that anchorage bolt.

The seatbelt mounting bolt, being the 7/16” 38mm long Grade 5 Silver Anchorage Bolt (**Seatbelt Anchorage Bolt**), was supplied to APV Safety Products and used in some APV Safety Products Seatbelt Kits and accessory products. APV Safety Products is now working with Fuji Fasteners to recall and exchange all bolts within the market which may be potentially defective.

APV Safety Products Aftermarket seatbelt and fitting kits sold from 18th July 2018 and manufactured before January 2019 may have seatbelt anchorage bolts with an internal defect. If the bolt fractures, the seat belt's performance could be compromised in a vehicle crash.

APV Safety Products is not aware of any accidents or injuries related to the defect. Defective bolts fitted as per the fitting instructions, would be expected to be detected during installation.

Identification of issue – Is my vehicle/ seatbelt affected?

1. Identification via original APV Safety Products packaging, box or bag

If you have the original APV Safety Products box or bag simply check the Pack date. If it was packed between the 18th July 2018 and the 21st December 2018 it may contain bolts that MUST be returned. If you have had a replacement seat belt fitted before the 18th of July 2018 you are NOT affected. No action is required by you.

APV SEATBELT BOX / BAG LABEL – IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION.

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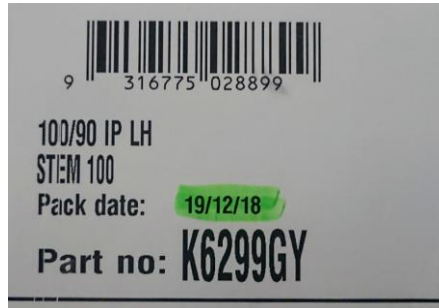
Part no: **K4557**

PACK DATE: This date must be between 18/7/18 and 21/12/18

KIT NUMBER / PART NUMBER



Some kits have been checked by APV Safety products, this check is indicated by a green line through the pack date as shown below. If your box or bag label has this line the kit is OK to use.



2. Identification via seat belt installed in a vehicle

Not sure if a replacement seat belt is in your vehicle? Simply look at each seatbelt and locate the identification label (sewn on the webbing) check it's APV Safety Products product, if it's not an APV Safety Products seatbelt they are OK to use. Check the identification label on the seat belt for the date the product was manufactured.

If your label identifies APV Safety Products as the manufacturer with a date of manufacture from the 1st of June 2018 and up to the 21st Dec 2018 then your seatbelt may have bolts included in this recall. This label can be found on the lower belt anchorage/bolt point below the tongue of the seatbelt.



If your ID label is between these dates but has been marked with green highlighter through the date of manufacture then the belt has been re-packed in 2019 with new bolts or inspected by an installer and is not affected by the recall.

Return the vehicle to the seat belt fitting station or qualified mechanic who installed the restraint to ensure compliance with this recall. If you installed the belts yourself, please refer to the guide for seatbelt fitting stations and mechanics below.

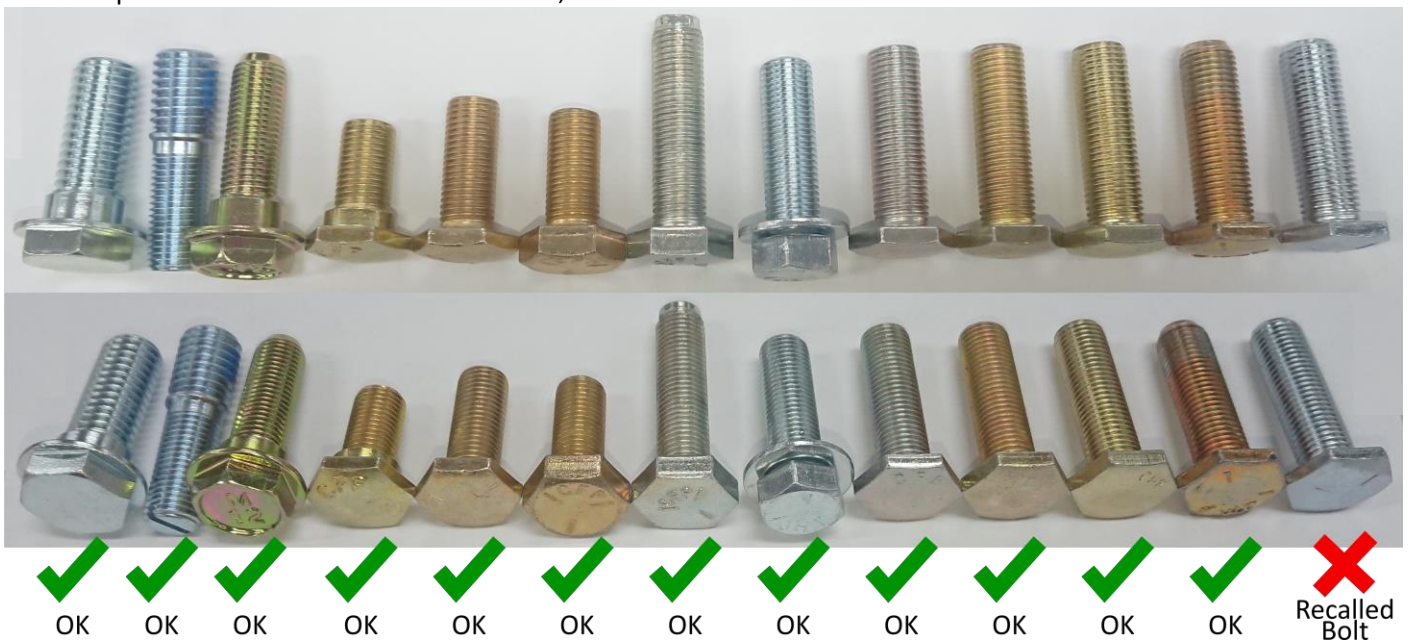
Instructions for seat belt fitting stations and mechanics:

1. For each seat belt in the vehicle check the product ID Label sewn into the seat belt lower anchorage/ bolt point (below the tongue) as per point 2 above; Identification via seat belt installed in vehicle. If the date of manufacture lists that the product was manufactured in 2019 then the product will not be affected by the recall.
2. Locate each seat belt anchorage bolt (typical installation; three bolts for a lap sash and two bolts for a lap belt) and inspect each bolt noting the colour and marking on the bolt head. You may need to remove vehicle trim to access the seat belt anchorages/bolts. You may need to remove the bolts for correct identification. Please refer to the below section on bolt identification.
 - a. If a seat belt does not have recalled bolts please re-install all anchorages with existing fittings. Installation torque on 7/16UNF bolts should be between 35 and 40 Nm and if required fitting instructions can be found on our website at <http://www.apvsafetyproducts.com/technical-information>
 - b. On completion of inspection and bolt re-fitment if required, we request that you put a green line with a highlighter through the date of manufacture to mark the seatbelt as OK to assist consumers and APV Safety Products to identify the product as safe in the future (as per point 2 above; Identification via seat belt installed in vehicle).

Identification of the Seatbelt Anchorage Bolt:

Of the different seatbelt anchorage bolts used in APV Safety Products Seatbelt Kits and for specific applications, only one size, style and colour of bolt is involved.

The bolt under recall is **7/16 UNF, Silver in colour, 38mm long Grade 5 with a distinctive 3 radial lines on the low profile domed 19mm hex head of the bolt** with no manufacturer markings. No other bolts provided with APV Safety Products product are affected as shown below;



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The 5 bolts below from different suppliers are all similar, however only the fifth bolt shown is defective as marked by the 'x Recalled Bolt';



The Bolt Head on the affected Seatbelt Anchorage Bolt has a distinctive marking – 3 lines as seen below;



Recalled product disposal & replacement – What to do:

Contact APV Safety Products immediately if you have identified any affected bolts. We will arrange to replace all recalled bolts via express post services free of charge.

ph. 1800 804 588 (Free Call Australia)
ph. 0800 440 703 (Free Call New Zealand)
email. recall@apvcorporation.com

NB. It is important that we receive ALL recalled bolts back so that we can arrange for their disposal (please advise us if you have already disposed of the bolts, including the number and method of disposal). The ACCC have strict reporting standards and we appreciate your assistance to help us comply. As part of our obligations under this recall we need to account for all of the recalled bolts. Once advised, we will send your replacement bolts along with a prepaid postage satchel to return the affected bolts.



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APV believe that replacing the recalled bolts is the fastest and best way for us to minimise the impact to our customers and ensure that we do not compromise the safety of any person with APV Safety Products seat-belts. We greatly appreciate your cooperation with completing these inspections promptly and accurately.

APV Safety Products wishes to apologise to all customers and consumers concerned and involved with this procedure but as a company with a focus on safety, our prime concern is the removal of risk for our customers and consumers.

Contact Details:

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Australia: Call 1800 804 588

New Zealand: Call 0800 440 703

Thank you for your help and cooperation with this Important Programme.

