

SRS Component Disposal as Hazardous Material Treatment

Service Category Vehicle Interior

Section Supplemental Restraint Systems

Market USA

Lexus Supports
ASE Certification 

Applicability

YEAR(S)	MODEL(S)	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
1990 - 2018	CT200H, ES250, ES300, ES300H, ES330, ES350, GS F, GS200T, GS300, GS350, GS400, GS430, GS450H, GS460, GX460, GX470, HS250H, IS F, IS200T, IS250, IS250C, IS300, IS350, IS350C, LC500, LC500H, LFA, LS400, LS430, LS460, LS500, LS500H, LS600H, LX450, LX470, LX570, NX200T, NX300, NX300H, RC F, RC200T, RC300, RC350, RX300, RX330, RX350, RX400H, RX450H, SC300, SC400, SC430	

Introduction

Some hazardous material treatment and handling regulations at the state and local level define the pre-disposal deployment of airbag and pre-tensioner assemblies as hazardous material treatment. Hazardous material treatment may require special training, certification or licensing in certain areas. TMS recommends that dealership personnel carefully review and follow ALL local and state regulations and, where necessary, contract with Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Licensed Hazardous Waste Transportation and Disposal facilities.

TMS does NOT recommend the manual deployment of SRS components as a general practice or in preparation for disposal. Employment of an EPA Licensed Hazardous Waste Transportation and Disposal contractor is encouraged.

Reasons for the recommendation:

- Previously, deployed SRS components were considered to be non-hazardous waste and airbag deployment was an acceptable practice when performed safely by properly equipped service facilities.

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Introduction (Continued)

- The EPA has deferred the responsibility of determining if airbags, deployed or un-deployed, constitute hazardous waste to the discretion of each state.
- Within the past several years, a number of states have ruled that the deployment of airbags are to be considered treatment of hazardous waste, requiring practicing dealerships to obtain a HAZMAT treatment facility permit.
- Airbag disposal practices and protocols vary from state to state and are continuously evolving.

For more information on HAZMAT regulations and certification training, go to www.hazmatu.org.

Warranty Information

OP CODE	DESCRIPTION	TIME	OFFP	T1	T2
N/A	Not Applicable to Warranty	–	–	–	–

Repair Manual Changes

Lexus service publications explain in detail the procedures for pre-disposal deployment of airbag and pre-tensioner assemblies. These practices should ONLY be used by EPA Licensed Hazardous Waste Transportation and Disposal facilities or dealership technicians IF allowable by local/state regulation. ALL future service publications will include additional cautions advising dealership associates to review and abide by ALL applicable regulations prior to performing ANY pre-disposal deployment or disposal activity.