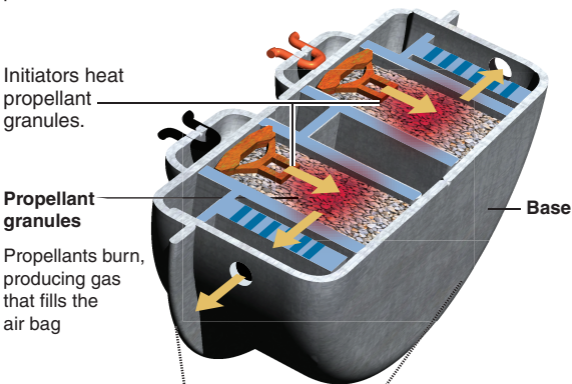


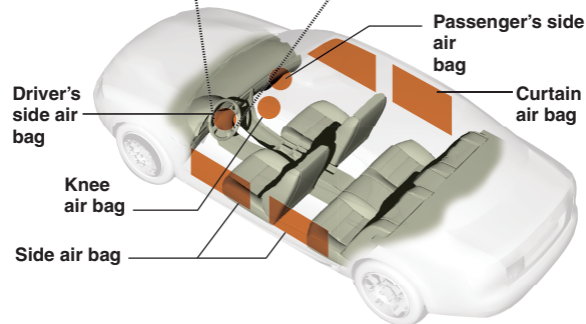
# The Takata problem

*Because of age and exposure to humidity, the propellant that inflates the air bags burns at too powerful a rate. That can cause the inflator's casing to rupture, sending shrapnel flying at the occupants.*

The inflator assembly is in the steering wheel, behind the air bag. The chemical reaction that inflates the air bag takes place inside.



## Standard air bag locations



Note: Not all air bags contain faulty propellant.

Source: Los Angeles Times reporting

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