

# BACP PUBLIC VEHICLE INDUSTRY NOTICE

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## [NHTSA REMINDER TO CHECK FOR VEHICLE SAFETY RECALLS](#)



**Safe Cars Save Lives:** This is the lifesaving message the U.S. Department of Transportation’s National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is sharing with all vehicle owners.

NHTSA urges vehicle owners to check their vehicle for open recalls during Vehicle Safety Recalls Week March 4-10, 2024. The safety week coincides with the start of Daylight Saving Time, which begins Sunday, March 10, 2024.

In 2022 alone, there were 1,050 safety recalls affecting more than 31 million vehicles and other automotive equipment in the United States.

### [NHTSA has two ways to check for open safety recalls:](#)

- First, drivers can use the free, user-friendly Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) Look-Up Tool, located at [NHTSA.gov/recalls](https://www.nhtsa.gov/recalls). This web tool allows vehicle owners to check for open safety recalls on their vehicles or automotive equipment, such as tires and car seats.
  - To use the VIN Look-Up Tool, vehicle owners can go to [NHTSA.gov/recalls](https://www.nhtsa.gov/recalls) and enter their vehicle’s 17-digit VIN into the search bar. In seconds, the vehicle owner will know if their vehicle is subject to an open safety recall. While there, vehicle owners can [sign up for Recall Alerts](#). If a vehicle is included in a future recall, they’ll receive an email letting them know. NHTSA’s free web recalls tool will provide details on any unrepaired recall in a vehicle for at least the past 15 calendar years. It will also provide details on unrepaired safety recalls from major automakers, motorcycle manufacturers, and some medium/heavy truck manufacturers.
- Drivers can also check for open safety recalls by downloading the free [SaferCar app](#). Once in the app, enter a vehicle’s VIN and NHTSA will send an alert if a safety recall is issued.
  - Think of the [SaferCar app](#) as a virtual garage: Once a user downloads the app – available for iOS and Android – they can add any vehicle or related equipment, like tires, trailers, and car seats. [SaferCar](#) notifies the user of all related recalls, even directing them to local dealerships so they can quickly make an appointment and get it fixed quickly and for free. If someone already downloaded the app, Vehicle Safety Recalls Week is a good time to make sure their vehicle and equipment information are up-to-date in the app.

Both methods for checking recalls are free and easy. In both cases, drivers will need to enter the vehicle’s VIN, located on the lower portion of their car’s windshield on the driver’s side. The VIN is also located on a vehicle owner’s registration card, and it may be shown on their insurance card.