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Ferrari recalls California T models for possible fuel leak

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Ferrari California T

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Italian automaker Ferrari has issued a recall for some of its California T convertibles manufactured this year, citing the possibility of fuel leaks in the vehicles.

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According to the notice issued by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the cars in question have a low pressure fuel line that may not connect properly to the fuel pump feed line, which could create a leak in the engine compartment, potentially leading to a fire. Only 185 vehicles are affected, which may help minimize the impact this recall has on consumer sentiment.

Problem solving

Ferrari North America's recall covers 2016 model year California T cars produced from Sept. 8 through Nov. 11, 2015. The automaker began its recall Dec. 14, notifying customers that they could have their fuel line for free.

According to [Bloomberg](#), Ferrari's paperwork submitted to the NHTSA points to a defect in a supplier part as the root of the problem.

In addition to notifying owners, dealers throughout North America were told to stop selling the cars in question from Nov. 23.

For automakers, taking a proactive approach to recalls lowers the risk of a damaged reputation.

In 2014, Toyota Corp. recalled 422,509 of its Lexus models from 2006-2011 due to a chance of a fuel leak that could raise the risk of fires.

Beginning in December, Toyota notified owners of the affected vehicles so they could have their cars repaired at a dealership. Through this recall, Lexus got ahead of the problem with a welcomed preventative measure ([see story](#)).