

Ford Kuga's third recall in just eight months

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Ford SA is treading hot water as it recalls one of its luxury vehicles for the third time. For all Ford Kuga owners, the car seems to not be as safe as one would think.



The first recall took place in March, the second in July and now the most recent one in August. This vehicle has been recalled three times in the past eight months due to various fire hazards.

What is the problem this time?

The previous two recalls have been due to a faulty coolant system. This led the vehicle's cylinder head to crack, which in turn led to an oil leak on to the hot engine. This caused the engine to catch alight.

There have been 64 incidents since 2015, due to the Kuga's engine catching alight and bursting into flames.



Ford repairs 63% of affected Kuga 1.6 models

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New alarms have been raised, with the front seatbelt insulation being the problem this time.

According to Ford SA's recent press release, a number of Kugas are being recalled due to potential fire risk.

"In the event of a frontal collision, these vehicles have been identified as having a possible risk for a B-Pillar fire. The activation of the seatbelt pretensioner can potentially cause the insulation material around the pretensioner to ignite. The solution is to remove the insulation material from the area around the seatbelt retractor-pretensioner to prevent the risk of fire."

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