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Axiom hand taps – recall notice

We understand that an LPG cylinder was recently installed in your vehicle. We have become aware of a potential defect in hand taps labelled “Axiom” that were attached to cylinders manufactured by APA Manufacturing Pty Ltd between 1 November 2006 and 05 April 2007.

Our investigation has revealed that some o’rings fitted to the hand tap spindle were undersized. Each tap uses two o’rings to implement a measure of redundancy. Both must fail for there to be any leakage. We have not been able to determine how many undersize o’rings were in the affected batches. The nature of the failure means that LPG liquid could escape from the hand tap spindle if there is a failure of both o’rings. The presence of grease on the taps effectively completes the seal even if both o’rings are undersized. Over time the grease dissipates into the LPG and if two undersize o’rings had been fitted then a leak could then develop.

Any possibility of leakage of fuel is a risk that must be addressed immediately. We therefore attach an instruction sheet that outlines the steps that need to be taken by you. The key issue is to have the tank inspected by the firm that installed the LPG tank to determine whether the tank is affected by this recall. If this is the case, then it is a simple task to have the tap replaced and avoid the issue altogether.

APA Manufacturing Pty Ltd has made the decision to recall these items to avoid any risk or injury to any person, however remote that risk might be, and despite the fact that we were not at fault - the Axiom hand taps were supplied to us as sealed units and passed appropriate testing processes.

Please do not hesitate to visit our website www.apamfg.com.au or to contact our hotline (03) 9761 5840 with any questions that you may have.

Yours sincerely,

Tony Chapman

Chief Executive Officer
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Axiom Hand tap leak – Instruction to driver /owner



If you believe you may have an Axiom hand tap on your LPG tank requiring replacement or you are not sure, please follow this process.

1. What was the date of the LPG installation?

- if Installation prior to November 2006 you are not affected
- if installation done during or after November 2006 or you don't know proceed to step 2.

2. Is the LPG tank labelled “APA”?

- if you do not have an APA tank you are not affected
- if you do have an APA tank or you don't know you may be effected please follow the procedure below.

3. Continue driving on LPG but do not fill with LPG.

4. Avoid parking in a confined space until you have had the vehicle checked and rectified if necessary.

5. If you have a dual fuel vehicle switch to petrol once the LPG tank is empty.

6. Contact your installer to have the vehicle checked, or if you know the tank serial number, go to www.apamfg.com.au and follow the link for a complete list of effected serial numbers; or email the serial number to handtap07@apamfg.com.au, or contact APA on (03) 9761 5840 Please have the serial number at hand.

7. If the installer, or APA advise that your vehicle is not effected then return to normal operation.

8. If the installer or APA advise that the hand tap needs to be replaced, book your car in with your installer.

If you are at your installer's premises, the repair may be completed on the spot or you may need to book the car in for another day. If you need to book the car in for another day then do not fill with LPG until the hand tap has been replaced.

Where the hand tap needs to be replaced this will be done at no cost to the owner.