NHTSA Launches SaferCar App to Deliver Safety Info to the Public

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The United States Department of Transportation today announced the launch of a redesigned mobile app, SaferCar, by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration with an emphasis on safety and convenience for the public. Available for both iOS and Android, it allows users to save their vehicles, car seats, equipment, or tires in a virtual garage on their smartphone. The app automatically checks, in the background, whether a recall is issued and alerts users when a recall occurs.

"In today's world, smartphones are the tool of choice for many tasks—and the updated SaferCar app is a new safety tool at the public's disposal," said NHTSA Deputy Administrator James Owens. "The SaferCar app allows you to store your information locally on your device and then the app goes to work to inform you of recalls as they occur—and owners can more quickly get their free recall repairs scheduled."

The same tools that power the NHTSA.gov website, combined with the capabilities of a mobile app, enable an enhanced experience for mobile users to access critical safety information without the need for NHTSA to develop additional services—saving taxpayer dollars.

Because each user's information is stored only on their device, no personal information can be shared with NHTSA—ensuring a safe and private user experience. Once the user sets up their virtual garage, the app checks for safety recalls every day, and will notify the user if an issue requires their attention.

For more detailed information on the SaferCar app and to download it, visit NHTSA.gov/app.

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