Abstract: An airbag module may have an inflator and a cushion that are coupled together via first and second retention features. The first retention feature may be a clip seated within a housing coupled to the inflator or the cushion, and may have a tubular shape with inwardly extending fingers. The second retention feature may be a flared tubular end insertable into interlocking engagement with the first retention feature. The retention features may be used to couple the cushion or inflator to a gas guide, or to couple the inflator directly to an inflation tube attached to the fabric of the cushion. The retention features may also be used to couple a transportation cap to the inflator to disperse inflation gases along a thrust neutral pattern in the event of accidental discharge during shipping.
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