



AUTOMOBILE DIVISION
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IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL NOTICE

Dear Honda Civic Owner:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

What is the reason for this notice?

Honda has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2012 model year Civic vehicles. There is a possibility that the left (driver's side) driveshaft may detach from the vehicle's constant-velocity (CV) joint. If the driveshaft separates from the joint, the vehicle will not move in any gear or may roll with the gear selector in the Park position if the parking brake is not set. Loss of motive power or unexpected vehicle movement increases the risk of a crash or personal injury.

What should you do?

Call any authorized Honda dealer and make an appointment to have your vehicle inspected and, if necessary, the driveshaft replaced **at no cost to you**. The inspection may be completed in approximately 24 minutes, and if replacement of the driveshaft is necessary, the total time to perform the inspection and replacement is approximately 78 minutes; however, your vehicle will need to be at the dealer for a longer period of time. We recommend that you plan to leave your vehicle for half a day to allow the dealer flexibility in scheduling.

Who to contact if you experience problems?

If you are not satisfied with the service you receive from your Honda dealer, you may write to:

American Honda Motor Co., Inc.
Honda Automobile Customer Service
Mail Stop 500-2N-7A
1919 Torrance Blvd.
Torrance, CA 90501-2746

If you believe that American Honda or the dealer has failed or is unable to remedy the defect in your vehicle, without charge, within a reasonable period of time (60 days from the date you first contact the dealer for a repair appointment), you may submit a complaint to:

Administrator
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, DC 20590

Or call the toll-free Safety Hotline at 888-327-4236 (TTY 800-424-9153), or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

Lessor Information.

Federal law requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within 10 days.

If you have questions.

If you have any questions about this notice, or need assistance with locating a Honda dealer, please call Honda Automobile Customer Service at 800-999-1009, and select option 4.

We apologize for any inconvenience this campaign may cause you.

Sincerely,

American Honda Motor Co., Inc.
Honda Automobile Division

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