



U.S. Department of Transportation
**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

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Mr. Jay Joseph
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NVS-215SM
14V-700

Subject: Passenger Air Bag Inflator May Rupture

Dear Mr. Joseph:

This letter serves to acknowledge Honda (American Honda Motor Co.)'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

ACURA/MDX/2003-2005
ACURA/RL/2005
HONDA/ACCORD/2003-2005
HONDA/CIVIC/2001-2005
HONDA/CIVIC HYBRID/2003-2005
HONDA/CR-V/2002-2005
HONDA/ELEMENT/2003-2004
HONDA/ODYSSEY/2002-2004
HONDA/PILOT/2003-2005
HONDA/RIDGELINE/2006

Mfr's Report Date: November 3, 2014

NHTSA Campaign Number: 14V-700

Components:

AIR BAGS

Potential Number of Units Affected: To Be Determined

Problem Description:

American Honda Motor Co. (Honda) is recalling certain model year 2001-2005 Honda Civic, 2003-2004 Civic CNG and Element, 2002-2005 CR-V, 2002-2004 Odyssey, 2003-2005 Accord, Pilot, Civic Hybrid, and Acura MDX, 2005 Acura RL and 2006 Honda Ridgeline vehicles originally sold, or ever registered, in geographic locations associated with high absolute humidity. Specifically, vehicles sold, or ever registered, in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, Texas, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Saipan, Guam, and American Samoa are addressed by this recall. Upon deployment of the passenger side frontal air bag, excessive internal pressure may cause the inflator to rupture.

Consequence:

In the event of a crash necessitating deployment of the passenger side frontal air bag, the inflator could rupture with metal fragments striking and potentially seriously injuring the vehicle occupants.

Remedy:

Honda will notify owners, and dealers will replace the passenger side air bag inflator, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin on November 24, 2014. Owners may contact Honda customer service at 1-800-999-1009.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov. Note: This recall supersedes safety recall 14V-353, with the exception of vehicles original sold, or ever registered, in California. Those vehicles will continue to be addressed, and a free remedy provided, under that safety recall campaign.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

We understand that this safety recall is superseding, in large part, safety recall 14V-353, and with the exception of vehicles originally sold, or ever registered, in California. Accordingly, please submit an amended 573 that adjusts the population for safety recall 14V-353 and explains the reason for the adjustment.

Your contact for this recall will be Sarah Mcshane who may be reached by phone at 202-366-7401, or by email at sarah.mcshane@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement