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TO: All Acura Service Managers and Personnel  
FROM: Acura Parts, Service & Technical Division, Campaign Administration  
RE: 2003-05 Multi-model Passenger Airbag Regional Safety Recall

Today, November 6, 2014, Acura is announcing a safety recall for certain 2003-05 Acura vehicles located in geographic locations known for high absolute humidity. This action covers vehicles originally sold in, operated in, or ever registered in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, Texas, Puerto Rico, Guam, Saipan, American Samoa and the U.S. Virgin Islands, and which are currently covered by service bulletins 14-023, *Safety Recall: Front Passenger's Airbag Inflator Can Be Over-Pressurized*, and 14-030 *Recall: Front Passenger's Airbag Inflator Can Be Over-Pressurized Because Of High Absolute Humidity*. These service bulletins will be superseded to service bulletin 14-040, *Safety Recall: Front Passenger's Airbag Inflator May Produce Excessive Pressure After Long-Term Exposure To High Absolute Humidity*. This will allow us to segregate and manage the campaign for these high absolute humidity regions separately. **Vehicles that do not meet the criteria for this new recall will remain in their original recall ranges, and will continue to be repaired under the respective service bulletin.**

As a result of recent testing by Takata, Acura has determined that a safety concern may exist for certain inflators that have been exposed to prolonged high absolute humidity that may cause excessive internal pressure upon deployment, potentially rupturing the inflator and ejecting metal fragments upward toward the windshield or downward toward the foot well, increasing the risk of injury to vehicle occupants.

Acura is in the process of completing a VIN list for this recall; a final version is expected to be available by November 19, 2014. Until that time, all affected vehicles will continue to be covered by service bulletins 14-023, or 14-030. Vehicles that have been repaired under these bulletins will not require additional repairs at this time. Once the final VIN list becomes available, VINs originally sold in, operated in, or ever registered in the above mentioned geographical locations that remain unrepaired will be transitioned to service bulletin 14-040. Please note: Once the VIN transfer from S/B 14-023, or 14-030 to 14-040 occurs, VIN inquiry will display a "C" on VIN inquiry screens for their respective original bulletin, however, no warranty claim will be listed. A VIN inquiry designation of "C" and no warranty claim will indicate the VIN has been superseded from a previous market action to the new safety recall.

Acura will notify all dealers once a final VIN list is available, and VIN status inquiry links have been updated. Until that time, continue to repair vehicles as indicated by VIN status inquiry. The repair for affected vehicles will continue to be to replace the front passenger's airbag inflator with an updated inflator. Part numbers for all repairs will remain identical as well; only service bulletin number and warranty parameters will change. Once VIN status inquiry is updated, service bulletin 14-040 will be posted to ISIS with new warranty parameters.

Please ensure that the correct bulletin and warranty parameters are being applied to a particular repair, as incorrect warranty coding may result in delayed or debited claims. As always, be sure to check VIN status inquiry to determine which service bulletin may apply to a particular vehicle.

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