

**2013 Fit M/T Right Driveshaft Safety Recall Q&A**

What is the reason for this recall?	During production of certain right driveshafts, it is possible that a heat treatment process was not properly applied, resulting in the driveshaft being weaker than intended. As a result, in certain cases a weaker driveshaft may be more likely to fail due to the torque applied when the vehicle is accelerating from a stop. A broken right driveshaft will reduce the vehicle's ability to move under its own power, which could contribute to a crash.
Why is the driveshaft weaker than intended?	After a heat-treatment process was used to strengthen metal, the driveshaft may not have been properly cooled in certain areas, weakening the metal and potentially resulting in cracks that could lead the driveshaft to break while when accelerating from a stop.
What will be done to recalled vehicles?	A Honda dealer will inspect and, if needed, replace the right front driveshaft, free of charge.
Why does this problem only affect the right driveshaft?	Different equipment is used to cool the right and left driveshafts after the heat-treatment, and this production problem does not affect the left driveshaft.
How long will the inspection/repair take?	Customers should ask their dealers for a total time estimate when making an appointment, as each dealer's daily schedule is different.  Once the vehicle is in the technician's hands, the inspection should take less than ½ hour and, if needed, a driveshaft replacement should take a little more than 1 hour.
When will customers be notified?	Letters to owners of affected 2013 Honda Fit vehicles will be mailed starting in mid-June. Additionally, at that time, owners will be able to check their vehicle recall status online at <a href="http://www.recalls.honda.com">www.recalls.honda.com</a> .
What should a customer do if their vehicle is experiencing a problem now?	If the driveshaft breaks, the vehicle will experience a dramatically reduced ability to move, as only the left front wheel will receive power from the engine. If a customer is currently experiencing that symptom, they should contact a Honda dealer as soon as possible to schedule an inspection.  This recall only applies to a limited number of vehicles, and it is unnecessary for all owners of all 2013 Fit vehicles to visit a dealer. However, we want each customer who receives a notification letter to have their vehicle inspected and, if necessary, repaired.
Are all 2013 Fit vehicles part of this recall?	No. Only a limited number of specific vehicles are affected by this recall.  Only certain 2013 Fit vehicles made during a specific production period are affected.
Is there a potential to include other vehicles in the future?	We are confident that we have identified all of the potentially affected vehicles and do not expect to add any in the future.
Where were these vehicles built?	Sayama, Japan.
How many vehicles are affected by this recall?	1,038