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Subject	Safety Recall: 2003-2011 Multi-Model Passenger's Airbag Inflator VIN UPDATE						

TO: All Acura Dealer Principals, General Managers, Sales Managers, Service Managers, Parts Managers and Personnel

FROM: Acura Parts, Service & Technical Division, Campaign Administration

RE: Stop Sale/Safety Recall: 2003-2011 Multi-Model Passenger's Airbag Inflator VIN UPDATE

On Monday, May 23, 2016, Acura notified NHTSA of a stop sale and safety recall for specific model year 2003-2011 Acura vehicles due to passenger's airbag inflators that may experience over-pressurization due to prolonged exposure to high temperatures and high absolute humidity.

As of today, June 14, 2016, VIN information is now loaded and accessible from VIN inquiry, eResponsibility, and other VIN-based systems. This will allow dealers to differentiate between affected and unaffected units. If a VIN within the model/model year ranges listed in service bulletins 16-028, *Safety Recall: Front Passenger's Airbag Inflator May Be Over-Pressurized (Phase 1)* and 16-029, *Safety Recall: Takata Front Passenger's Airbag Inflator (Phase 1)* does not show as applicable to either bulletin, the vehicle does not require repair at this time.

Replacement inflator kits are currently available for order for specific models. Service bulletin 16-028 has been revised with repair procedures and parts information for the following models:

2005-2011 RL
2003-2006 MDX

We are working to expedite the supply of the remaining replacement parts for service bulletin 16-029 as quickly as possible. **The vehicles in the model/model year ranges listed in service bulletins 16-028 and 16-029 must have a VIN status inquiry performed to verify whether they are included in the recall.** Accordingly, Acura is providing the verbiage below to facilitate service of these affected vehicles in cases where inflator recall repairs are not possible. Should an affected vehicle arrive for service that cannot be repaired, the client must be advised that their vehicle is subject to a recall. In addition, the following suggested text should be included on the repair order. This information should be printed out completely any time service is conducted on a vehicle with an open recall and parts are not available. Once replacement parts are available, the normal procedures under SOM 7.2.1 will apply for this recall. Acura's loaner car policy remains in effect.

Suggested Verbiage to be included on Repair Order:

"Client advised that:

The vehicle is subject to a recall affecting the passenger's front airbag inflator. Redesigned airbag inflators are not available for installation at this time. Once redesigned parts are available, the registered owner of the vehicle will receive notice to bring the vehicle in for replacement of the component."

Do NOT include this verbiage on repair orders for vehicles that are not a part of the recall listed above. Previously, some dealerships have made this verbiage standard on all repair orders, which created a problem with clients.