



**AUTOMOBILE DIVISION**  
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NHTSA Recall 16V-725

## IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL

This notice applies to your vehicle: 9999999999999999

Dear JOHN Q SAMPLE,

This notice is sent to you in accordance with 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 2016 model year Civic sedan and coupe vehicles. The software programming for the Vehicle Stability Assist Electric Control Unit (VSA ECU) may prevent application of the electric parking brake when applied immediately after turning the vehicle ignition to the OFF mode. If the electric parking brake cannot be applied, the "BRAKE" warning indicator in the instrument panel will blink for 15 seconds to alert the vehicle operator. The inability to apply the electric parking brake can result in vehicle rollaway, increasing the risk of a crash.

### WHAT WILL HONDA DO?

The dealer will reprogram the VSA ECU with updated software that eliminates this condition from occurring, free of charge.

### WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

Call any authorized dealer and make an appointment to have your vehicle's VSA ECU reprogrammed with the latest software. The complete repair time may take approximately 24 minutes however, please confirm with your dealer the amount of time your vehicle will need to be at the dealership. If you are not the only driver of this vehicle, please advise all other drivers and passengers of this important information!

Despite the software programming error, the electronic parking brake will be applied if you apply it prior to turning the vehicle ignition to the OFF mode. As a result, until you get the software update, Honda suggests that you apply the electronic parking brake before turning your vehicle ignition to the OFF mode. Honda also recommends that you always place your vehicle in PARK (for CVT equipped vehicles) or leave your vehicle in gear (for manual transmission equipped vehicles) before taking your foot off the service brake when parking the vehicle.

### CHECK YOUR VEHICLE FOR OPEN RECALLS

To check your vehicle's eligibility for repair under this or any other recall, please access the **Honda Recall Lookup** tool at [www.recalls.honda.com](http://www.recalls.honda.com) and enter your Vehicle Identification Number (VIN).

### OWNER INFORMATION

You received this notice because government regulations require that notification be sent to the last known owner of record. Our records are based primarily on state registration and title data, which indicate that you are the current owner of this vehicle. If this is not the case, or if any of the information is not correct, please complete, sign and return the Information Change Card and we will then update our records. If you are a lessor of this vehicle, federal regulations require you to forward this notice to your lessee within ten days.

### DO YOU STILL HAVE MORE QUESTIONS?

**Should you have any questions about this recall, please contact your authorized Honda dealer.** Should you need additional assistance, you may contact Honda Automobile Customer Service at 1-888-234-2138.

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 the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE, Washington, DC 20590. Alternatively, you may call the NHTSA's toll-free Safety Hotline at 888-327-4236 (TTY 800-424-9153), or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

We apologize for any inconvenience this recall may cause you.

Sincerely,

**American Honda Motor Co., Inc.**  
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