Honda Recall Notification

Various 2005-2016 model year Honda and Acura Vehicles Takata Driver's Airbag Inflators (PSDI-5, non-dessicated)

Submit to NHTSA - January 29, 2016

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Identification of potentially affected vehicles:

2007-2011 Honda CR-V

2013-2016 Acura ILX

2011-2015 Honda CR-Z

2013-2014 Acura ILX Hybrid

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2010-2014 Honda FCX Clarity

2007-2016 Acura RDX

2009-2013 Honda Fit

2005-2012 Acura RL

2013-2014 Honda Fit EV

2009-2014 Acura TL

2010-2014 Honda Insight

2010-2013 Acura ZDX

2007-2014 Honda Ridgeline

VIN range and manufacturing date information will be submitted to NHTSA once it becomes available.

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Total number of potentially affected vehicles: approximately 2,230,000

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Percentage of affected vehicles that contain the defect: Unknown

Description of the basis for the determination of the recall population:

The recall population was determined based on manufacturing records and the safety-defect set forth in Takata's notification to NHTSA (16E-005). The VIN range reflects the vehicles that could potentially experience the problem.

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Defect description:

According to the equipment defect notification (16E-005) filed by Takata, the propellant tablets in some of the subject inflators may experience an alteration over time, which could potentially lead to over-aggressive combustion in the event of an air bag deployment. Depending on the circumstances, this potential condition could create excessive internal pressure when the airbag is deployed, which could result in the body of the inflator rupturing upon deployment. Based upon Takata's investigation to date, the potential for such ruptures may occur in some of the subject inflators after several years of exposure to persistent conditions of high absolute humidity. In addition, Takata is aware of four test ruptures in ballistic tests of non-desiccated PSDI-5 inflators, but not aware of any field incidents in which a PSDI-5 inflator has ruptured (desiccated or non-desiccated). The potential for rupture may also be influenced by other factors, including manufacturing variability.

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Identification of affected component:

Component:

Driver's Frontal Airbag Inflator

Country of Origin:

USA

Manufacturer:

T.K. Holdings, Inc. Kazuo Higuchi

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Chronology:

January 25, 2016

Takata submitted an equipment defect notification (16E-005) to NHTSA that identified a safety related defect in the subject driver frontal airbag inflators. A copy of Takata's notification was received by Honda on January 25, 2016.

January 28, 2016

Based on the determination by Takata that a safety-related defect exists in the subject inflators, as set forth in the equipment defect notification (16E-005) filed by Takata on January 25, 2016, Honda Motor Co., Ltd., determined a safety defect exists and decided to conduct a safety recall.

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Program for remedying the defect:

A new inflator will be installed in affected vehicles, without charge. However, due to the large volume of new inflators needed to repair vehicles, the necessary parts will not be available until Fall 2016. As a result, owners of affected vehicles will be informed of the recall in an initial notification letter. Once replacement parts become available Honda will send a second notification letter to owners. The second round of notifications will begin with older model year vehicles located in Honda's previously defined HAH region and will expand accordingly as more parts become available.

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The estimated date to start notification to dealers: January 29, 2016

The estimated date to start notifications to owners:

TBD
The estimated date to stop notifications to owners:

TBD

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Manufacturer's campaign number:

JX2: Honda CR-V

JX3: Honda: CR-Z, FCX Clarity, Fit, Fit EV, Insight, Ridgeline

JX4: Acura: ILX, ILX Hybrid, RL, RDX, TL, ZDX