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## Safety Recall: Front Passenger's Airbag Inflator Can Be Over-Pressurized (Phase 1)

Following NHTSA direction, there are now five phases based on three different zones. This bulletin begins with Phase 1.

The final list of affected vehicles is being developed; the list is not available under the iN VIN status inquiry. All vehicles listed under the AFFECTED MODELS are on stop sale until the affected VIN list is complete.

**If the VIN status inquiry indicates that the vehicle is subject to any open safety recalls, make sure to complete those recall repairs before returning the vehicle to the client. If you are unable to complete any open recall, advise the client of the recall status and when the recall could be completed.**

### AFFECTED VEHICLES

Year	Model	Trim	VIN Range
2003–06	MDX	ALL	Check the iN VIN status for eligibility
2005–11	RL	ALL	Check the iN VIN status for eligibility

### BACKGROUND

NHTSA and its independent expert reviewed the findings of three independent investigations into the Takata air bag inflator ruptures. According to NHTSA, the combination of time, high temperature fluctuations, and humidity contribute to the degradation of the propellant in the inflators. NHTSA has concluded that this degradation can cause the propellant to burn too quickly, creating more pressure than the inflator can withstand, and in extreme cases causing the inflator to rupture and send shrapnel through the air bag toward vehicle occupants when the vehicle is involved in a crash. NHTSA is prioritizing the recall of air bag inflators based on the risk of injury or death to vehicle occupants.

Currently there are five planned phases to this campaign. The subsequent phases will launch at a future date per NHTSA direction, but it will be several years before the final phase 5 launches. Additionally, AHM may add new affected models or affected years to each phase.

For more information about these inflator recalls, go to [www.safercar.gov](http://www.safercar.gov) and use keyword TAKATA.

**CLIENT INFORMATION:** The information in this bulletin is intended for use only by skilled technicians who have the proper tools, equipment, and training to correctly and safely maintain your vehicle. These procedures should not be attempted by "do-it-yourselfers," and you should not assume this bulletin applies to your vehicle, or that your vehicle has the condition described. To determine whether this information applies, contact an authorized Acura automobile dealer.