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Safety Recall: Takata Front Passenger's Airbag Inflator (Phase 1)

Supersedes 16-029, dated May 25, 2016 because the VIN list is complete and loaded into the iN VIN status inquiry

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

NOTE: Parts are not currently available; parts are starting to be produced to repair affected vehicles. This bulletin will be revised as parts become available.

AFFECTED VEHICLES

Zone A

Year	Model	Trim	VIN Range
2009–11	TSX	L4	Check the iN VIN status for eligibility
2010–11	TSX	V6	Check the iN VIN status for eligibility
2011	TSX Sport Wagon	ALL	Check the iN VIN status for eligibility
2010–11	ZDX	ALL	Check the iN VIN status for eligibility

Zone A applies to vehicle model years 2011 and older, that are located or have ever been registered in: Alabama, California, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, Texas, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands (Saipan), and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Zone B - There are no affected vehicles in Zone B

Zone B applies to vehicle model years 2008 model year and older, that are located or have ever been registered in: Arizona, Arkansas, Delaware, District of Columbia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Zone C – There are no affected vehicles in Zone C

Zone C applies to vehicle model years 2004 model year and older, that are located or have ever been registered in: Alaska, Colorado, Connecticut, Idaho, Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, New Hampshire, New York, North Dakota, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Utah, Vermont, Washington, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

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. NHTSA is prioritizing the recall of air bag inflators based on the risk of injury or death to vehicle occupants.

To comply with NHTSA's direction, 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. Always do an iN VIN status inquiry to see if a vehicle is affected.

For more information about these inflator recalls, go to 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.

Do an iN VIN status inquiry to make sure the vehicle is shown as eligible. All affected vehicles are on **stop sale** and cannot be sold until the inflator is repaired with a counter-measured part. **Replacement parts are currently not available.**

Some vehicles affected by this campaign may be in your used vehicle inventory. Failure to repair a vehicle subject to a recall or campaign may subject your dealership to claims or lawsuits from the customer or anyone else harmed as a result of such failure. In addition, state law may provide American Honda with the right to seek indemnification in any such claim or lawsuit. To see if a vehicle in inventory is affected by this recall, do a VIN status inquiry before selling it.

NOTE: If the VIN status inquiry indicates that the vehicle is subject to any open safety recalls, make sure to also 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.