

## DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT

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**Name of manufacturer:** Honda Motor Co., Ltd.  
 Honda of America Mfg., Inc.  
 Honda of Canada Mfg.

**Manufacturer's agent:** John Turley  
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**Identification of potentially affected vehicles:**

<u>Make/Model</u>	<u>Model Year</u>	<u>Dates of Manufacture</u>	<u>Number of Vehicles</u>
Acura 2.2CL	1997	08/31/1995 to 08/25/1997	24,651
Acura 2.2CL	1998	04/28/1997	1
Acura 2.3CL	1998	06/03/1997 to 08/25/1998	11,003
Acura 2.3CL	1999	09/09/1998 to 08/24/1999	10,025
Acura 3.0CL	1997	03/07/1996 to 09/30/1997	20,402
Acura 3.0CL	1998	06/05/1997 to 08/25/1998	14,481
Acura 3.0CL	1999	10/07/1998 to 08/24/1999	14,944
Acura 3.2CL	2001	06/25/1999 to 12/15/1999	129
Acura 3.5RL	1998	09/15/1997 to 07/31/1998	14,138
Acura 3.5RL	1999	05/22/1998 to 07/02/1999	12,947
Acura 3.5RL	2000	04/19/1999 to 12/28/1999	5,699
Acura 3.2TL	1999	01/07/1998 to 08/27/1999	55,767
Acura 3.2TL	2000	02/17/1999 to 12/23/1999	21,786
Acura MDX	2001	11/22/1999 to 11/29/1999	2
Honda Accord Coupe	1998	04/30/1997 to 09/23/1998	53,098
Honda Accord Coupe	1999	05/07/1998 to 08/09/1999	62,205
Honda Accord Coupe	2000	03/04/1999 to 12/23/1999	27,104
Honda Accord Sedan	1998	01/31/1997 to 09/17/1998	77,948
Honda Accord Sedan	1999	05/06/1998 to 07/29/1999	68,769
Honda Accord Sedan	2000	02/25/1999 to 12/23/1999	38,496
Honda Civic Coupe	1996	04/12/1995 to 08/28/1996	92,232
Honda Civic Coupe	1997	06/11/1996 to 08/29/1997	137,614
Honda Civic Coupe	1998	08/13/1997 to 10/06/1998	137,367
Honda Civic Coupe	1999	04/14/1998 to 08/16/1999	99,682
Honda Civic Coupe	2000	08/12/1999 to 12/23/1999	45,406
Honda Civic Sedan	1998	08/04/1997 to 07/01/1998	20,322
Honda Civic Sedan	1999	03/29/1999 to 07/13/1999	5,246
Honda Civic Sedan	2000	07/05/1999 to 12/28/1999	11,312

<u>Make/Model</u>	<u>Model Year</u>	<u>Dates of Manufacture</u>	<u>Number of Vehicles</u>
Honda CR-V	1997	09/11/1996 to 12/01/1997	72,694
Honda CR-V	1998	04/22/1997 to 11/02/1998	96,640
Honda CR-V	1999	09/01/1998 to 09/30/1999	110,706
Honda CR-V	2000	08/07/1999 to 12/28/1999	29,434
Honda EV Plus	1997	11/26/1996 to 11/28/1996	8
Honda EV Plus	1998	03/26/1997 to 07/31/1998	224
Honda Odyssey	1998	05/19/1997 to 06/01/1998	14,579
Honda Odyssey	1999	06/08/1998 to 08/23/1999	50,555
Honda Odyssey	2000	07/14/1999 to 12/23/1999	40,685
Isuzu Oasis	1998	05/26/1997 to 08/17/1998	1,702
Isuzu Oasis	1999	07/09/1998 to 04/19/1999	702

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

The recall population was determined based on manufacturing records. The production range reflects all possible vehicles that could potentially experience the problem.

**Description of how the vehicles being recalled differ from similar vehicles not included in the recall:**

According to the equipment defect notification 19E-080 filed by Takata, the suspect range of Non-Azide Driver Frontal Airbag Inflators (NADI) were produced up to August 31, 1999. Out of an abundance of caution, Honda is recalling all vehicles built from production start-up through December 31, 1999 that either received a potentially suspect NADI inflator from the factory (OEM) or dealer (replacement service part). A design change and process improvement was fully implemented by Takata to the aluminum tape seal which more effectively prevented moisture ingress on the NADI inflator. The redesigned NADI inflators were used in mass production vehicles built starting on January 1, 2000.

**Identification of affected component:**

<u>Component:</u>	<u>Part No.:</u>	<u>Application:</u>
Driver Frontal Airbag Module (OEM)	77800-SY8-A91	Acura 2.2CL, 2.3CL, 3.0CL, 3.2CL, 3.2TL, and MDX
	77800-SZ3-A51	Acura 3.5RL
	77800-SZ3-A93	
	77800-S84-A81	Honda Accord Coupe, Accord Sedan, and Odyssey
	77800-SX0-A72	Honda Odyssey
	77800-S01-A83	Honda Civic Coupe
	77800-S01-A71	Honda Civic Coupe and Honda EV Plus
	77800-S02-A71	Honda Civic Coupe and Civic Sedan
	77800-S04-A91	Honda Civic Sedan
	77800-S02-E71	Honda CR-V
	77800-S02-Q81	
	77800-S02-Q82	
	77800-S53-A82	Isuzu Oasis

Component:	Part No.:	Application:
Driver Frontal Airbag Module (Replacement Service Part)	06770-SY8-A90	Acura 2.2CL, 2.3CL, 3.0CL, 3.2CL, 3.2TL, and MDX
	06770-SZ3-A50	Acura 3.5RL
	06770-SZ3-A92	
	06770-S84-A80	Honda Accord Coupe, Accord Sedan, and Odyssey
	06770-SX0-A71	Honda Odyssey
	06770-S01-A81	Honda Civic Coupe
	06770-S01-A71	Honda Civic Coupe and Honda EV Plus
	06770-S02-A70	Honda Civic Coupe and Civic Sedan
	06770-S04-A90	Honda Civic Sedan
	06770-S02-E70	Honda CR-V
	06770-S02-Q80	
	06770-S02-Q81	
	06770-S53-A81	Isuzu Oasis

Country of Origin: Japan and U.S.  
Manufacturer: Takata (TK Global LLC)

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**Total number of potentially affected vehicles:** 1,500,705

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**Percentage of affected vehicles that contain the defect:** 100%

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**Defect description:**

According to the equipment defect notification 19E-080 filed by Takata, certain Takata Non-Azide Driver Airbag Inflators have the potential to exhibit elevated moisture ingress due to insufficient aluminum tape seal. This can lead to slow deployment, which may result in insufficient protection by the driver frontal airbag, or there may be over-aggressive combustion creating excessive internal pressure when the driver frontal airbag is deployed. Very high internal pressure could result in the body of the airbag inflator rupturing upon deployment. An inflator rupture may cause metal fragments to pass through the vehicle interior at high speed, which may result in injury or death to vehicle occupants.

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**Chronology:**

July 29, 2015

Honda was informed of a NADI inflator rupture event occurring at an auto dismantling facility in Japan on July 22, 2015. A rupture incident report confirming the rupture was submitted to NHTSA per Standing General Order 2015-01.

May 11, 2016

Honda was informed of a potential NADI inflator rupture field event with a reported injury occurring in Houston, TX on November 21, 2012. An initial rupture incident report was submitted to NHTSA per Standing General Order 2015-01A and an investigation into the rupture claim was launched.

July 29, 2016

The investigation of the Texas field event revealed that the vehicle owner initially contacted Honda on June 10, 2013. At that time, a claim was opened but it was subsequently closed on July 22, 2013 because the police report did not mention an airbag "rupture," the vehicle had already been scrapped, and the suspect airbag components were not available for inspection. However, based on photographic evidence, Honda confirmed that the airbag inflator ruptured and submitted a final rupture incident report to NHTSA per Standing General Order 2015-01A.

September 5, 2018

Honda was informed of a NADI inflator rupture event that occurred at an auto dismantling facility in Japan on August 10, 2018. A final rupture incident report was submitted to NHTSA per Standing General Order 2015-01A.

October 31, 2019

Takata informed Honda of two NADI inflator rupture field events in Australia which involved a different vehicle manufacturer and provided relevant information.

November 26, 2019

Takata submitted equipment defect notification 19E-080 to NHTSA listing Honda as an affected OEM.

December 18, 2019

NHTSA issued Equipment Query EQ19-002 requesting information from Honda.

January 3, 2020

Honda responded to EQ19-002 with an estimated population of Acura and Honda vehicles equipped with a Takata NADI inflator.

January 16, 2020

Honda determined that a defect related to motor vehicle safety existed and decided to conduct a safety recall.

As of January 16, 2020, Honda has received one injury claim related to this issue.

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**Program for remedying the defect:**

Registered owners of all affected vehicles will be sent an initial letter informing them the replacement parts needed to remedy their vehicle is currently not available. Once replacement parts are available, registered owners will be sent a second letter requesting they take their vehicle to an Acura or Honda automobile dealer. The dealer will replace the driver frontal airbag inflator with an inflator of a different design for free.

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**The estimated date to start notification to dealers:** January 21, 2020

**The estimated date to start notifications to owners:** March 9, 2020

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**Representative copies of all notices, bulletins and other communications:**

A copy of the dealer service bulletin, the interim and final owner notification letters, and other dealer communication will be submitted to your office as soon as possible.

A draft of the interim and final owner notification letters will be submitted to your office as soon as possible.

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**Manufacturer's campaign number:** TBD