U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Safety Recall Report 26V765

Manufacturer Name: Honda (American Honda Motor Co.)
Submission Date: Nov 19, 2026
NHTSA Recall No.: 26V765
Manufacturer Recall No.: BQK, MQJ, KQI, QQH

Manufacturer Information

Manufacturer Name: Honda (American Honda Motor Co.)

Address: 1919 Torrance Blvd.
Torrance CA, 90501

Population

Total number of potentially involved: 810,592

Estimated percentage with defect: 100%

Vehicle Information

Vehicle 1: 2013-2013 ACURA RDX

Product Category: Light Vehicles

Product Type: Multipurpose Passenger Vehicle

Fuel / Propulsion: Spark Ignition Fuel

Production Dates: Dec 14, 2011 - Mar 28, 2013

Number of potentially involved: 20,554

Descriptive Information:

The recall population was determined based on manufacturing and vehicle registration records and includes vehicles which were originally sold in, or ever registered in, geographic locations known for high temperature, high humidity, and large temperature fluctuations: California, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, Florida, Puerto Rico, Guam, Hawaii, American Samoa, Northern Mariana Islands (Saipan), and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Vehicle 2: 2013-2013 ACURA ILX

Product Category: Light Vehicles

Product Type: Passenger Car

Fuel / Propulsion: Spark Ignition Fuel

Production Dates: Apr 09, 2012 - Apr 10, 2013

Number of potentially involved: 14,643

Descriptive Information:

The recall population was determined based on manufacturing and vehicle registration records and includes vehicles which were originally sold in, or ever registered in, geographic locations known for high temperature, high humidity, and large temperature fluctuations: California, Texas, Louisiana,

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Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, Florida, Puerto Rico, Guam, Hawaii, American Samoa, Northern Mariana Islands (Saipan), and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Vehicle 3: 2012-2013 HONDA CR-V

Product Category: Light Vehicles

Product Type: Multipurpose Passenger Vehicle

Fuel / Propulsion: Spark Ignition Fuel

Production Dates: Sep 05, 2011 - Sep 11, 2013

Number of potentially involved: 197,045

Descriptive Information:

The recall population was determined based on manufacturing and vehicle registration records and includes vehicles which were originally sold in, or ever registered in, geographic locations known for high temperature, high humidity, and large temperature fluctuations: California, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, Florida, Puerto Rico, Guam, Hawaii, American Samoa, Northern Mariana Islands (Saipan), and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Vehicle 4: 2012-2013 HONDA CIVIC

Product Category: Light Vehicles

Product Type: Passenger Car

Fuel / Propulsion: Spark Ignition Fuel

Production Dates: Jan 10, 2011 - Dec 13, 2013

Number of potentially involved: 413,125

Descriptive Information:

The recall population was determined based on manufacturing and vehicle registration records and includes vehicles which were originally sold in, or ever registered in, geographic locations known for high temperature, high humidity, and large temperature fluctuations: California, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, Florida, Puerto Rico, Guam, Hawaii, American Samoa, Northern Mariana Islands (Saipan), and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Vehicle 5: 2013-2013 HONDA ACCORD

Product Category: Light Vehicles

Product Type: Passenger Car

Fuel / Propulsion: Spark Ignition Fuel

Production Dates: Jul 25, 2012 - Jul 10, 2013

Number of potentially involved: 165,225

Descriptive Information:

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Defect / Noncompliance Description

Description of the defect or noncompliance:

The airbag inflator propellant can degrade with repeated exposure to high-humidity environments and large temperature variation, resulting in increased internal pressure. If an affected airbag deploys, the increased internal pressure may cause the inflator to rupture (break apart) and deploy abnormally.

FMVSS1:

FMVSS2:

Description of the safety risk, including crash, fire, death, injury:

In the event of an inflator rupture, metal fragments could pass through the airbag cushion material possibly causing serious injury or fatality to vehicle occupants.

Description of the cause:

The affected vehicles' frontal air bag inflators use a phase-stabilized ammonium nitrate (PSAN) propellant (2004L) with a desiccant (13X) intended to control moisture within the inflator. Over time, exposure to high absolute humidity and repeated temperature cycling may cause the PSAN-based propellant to degrade, increasing its porosity and causing embrittlement. Upon air bag deployment, the degraded propellant may fracture more than intended, increasing the burning surface area and rate of gas generation. The increased gas generation may exceed the inflator's discharge capacity, resulting in excessive internal pressure and potential inflator rupture.

Identification of any warning that can occur:

Component Manufacturer

Tier of Supplier:

Supplier Type:

Name: Takata (no longer exists)

Address:

Country:

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Involved Components

Component Name 1: INFLATOR COMP, DR
Component Description: INFLATOR COMP, DR
Component Part Number: 77840-T0A -A821-M1

Component Name 2: INFLATOR COMP, PA
Component Description: INFLATOR COMP, PA
Component Part Number: 77870-TR0 -A810-M1

Chronology

June 2020

Honda submitted its final analysis report, *Analysis of Desiccated PSPI-X and PSDI-X Inflators Installed in Honda Vehicles*, to NHTSA. No degradation had been seen in parts recovered from the field. Statistical analysis indicated that degradation would not sufficiently progress to create a risk of inflator rupture before 2027, at the earliest.

December 2021

NHTSA, Honda, and Exponent agreed on a plan for continued investigation and analysis of the desiccated PSAN air bag inflators.

2022 – 2026

Honda continued to share the ongoing investigation and analysis results with NHTSA.

May 2025

During simulation testing under severe environmental conditions, Honda observed signs of propellant degradation in the tested airbag inflators. However, the inflators remained within normal operating parameters.

May 2025 – November 2026

Honda continued to investigate and analyze the issue and determined that the results did not show a statistically significant deviation from the 2020 prediction.

November 19, 2026

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

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As of November 19, 2026, Honda has not received any warranty claims, nor reports of injury or death related to this issue.

Related NHTSA Recall Number:

Description of Remedy

Remedy Type: Repair

Consumer Advisories: ☐ Do Not Drive ☐ Park Outside

Description of remedy program:

Registered owners of all affected vehicles will be contacted by mail and asked to take their vehicle to an authorized Honda or Acura dealer. The dealer will replace the affected driver or passenger-side frontal airbag inflator with an improved part, for free.

How remedy component differs from recalled component:

The remedy air bag inflators are manufactured by a different supplier and use a propellant with a different chemical composition that does not degrade over the long term when exposed to high temperatures, high humidity and large temperature fluctuations.

Identify how/when recall condition was corrected in production:

The affected models are no longer in production.

Reimbursement Plan

Manufacturer used general reimbursement plan on file.

Recall Schedule

Description of recall schedule:

Dealer notification is scheduled to begin and end on or about 11/20/2026. Owner notification is scheduled to begin and end on or about 12/18/2026.

Planned Dealer Notification Date: Nov 20, 2026 - Nov 20, 2026 ☐ No Dealers

Planned Interim Owner Notification Date: Dec 18, 2026 - Dec 18, 2026 ☐ No Owners

Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date: Dec 18, 2026 ☐ Phased Recall

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Date when VIN will be searchable: