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Recall: Driver's Airbag Inflator May Produce Excessive Pressure After Long-Term Exposure To High Absolute Humidity

AFFECTED VEHICLES

Year	Model	Trim	VIN Range
2001–07	Accord	ALL	Check the iN VIN status for eligibility
2001–05	Civic	ALL	Check the iN VIN status for eligibility
2001–05	Civic GX	ALL	Check the iN VIN status for eligibility
2002–05	Civic Hybrid	ALL	Check the iN VIN status for eligibility
2002–06	CR-V	ALL	Check the iN VIN status for eligibility
2003–11	Element	ALL	Check the iN VIN status for eligibility
2002–04	Odyssey	ALL	Check the iN VIN status for eligibility
2003–07	Pilot	ALL	Check the iN VIN status for eligibility
2006	Ridgeline	ALL	Check the iN VIN status for eligibility

BACKGROUND

Certain Honda vehicles operated in areas known for high absolute humidity and high heat may contain a driver's airbag that over time may be affected by exposure to the humidity, which could produce excessive internal pressure upon deployment. If an affected airbag deploys, the increased internal pressure may cause the inflator casing to rupture. Metal fragments could pass through the airbag cushion material possibly causing injury or fatality to vehicle occupants.

Affected Honda vehicles were originally sold or ever registered in the following geographic locations: Alabama, California, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, Texas, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

If an affected vehicle arrives for service, make sure you advise the customer that their vehicle is subject to a recall and the dealer must document that the customer was advised. American Honda recommends writing the following text on the repair order:

The vehicle is subject to one or more recalls affecting the driver's and/or passenger's front airbag inflators. Redesigned airbag inflators are not available for installation at this time. Once redesigned parts are available, the registered owner of the vehicle will receive notice to bring the vehicle in for replacement of the component.

This bulletin will be revised once the repair procedure, parts information, and warranty claim information are available.

CUSTOMER 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 Honda automobile dealer.