

## DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT

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

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

<u>Make/Model</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Dates of Manufacture</u>
Acura RL	Certain 2009 model year	3/18/2008 – 3/19/2009
Acura RL	Certain 2010 model year	5/13/2009 – 9/11/2010
Acura RL	Certain 2011 model year	11/5/2010 – 4/28/2011
Acura RL	Certain 2012 model year	11/1/2011 – 6/7/2012
Honda Element	Certain 2009 model year	10/24/2008 – 9/14/2009
Honda Element	Certain 2010 model year	9/22/2009 – 10/18/2010
Honda Element	Certain 2011 model year	10/22/2010 – 4/15/2011
Honda Ridgeline	Certain 2009 model year	7/18/2008 – 8/11/2009
Honda Ridgeline	Certain 2010 model year	8/13/2009 – 6/9/2010
Honda Ridgeline	Certain 2011 model year	6/17/2010 – 10/17/2011
Honda Ridgeline	Certain 2012 model year	11/1/2011 – 9/27/2012
Honda Ridgeline	Certain 2013 model year	9/26/2012 – 9/4/2013

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### Identification of affected component:

**Component:** Passenger's Frontal Airbag Inflator (PSPI-L)  
**Part no.:** 77820-SCV-A91ZA, 77820-SJC-A92ZB, 06780-SJA-A80  
**Country of Origin:** USA  
**Manufacturer:** T.K. Holdings, Inc.  
**Contact Name:** D. Michael Rains  
**Address:** 111 Peyer Court, Romeo, MI 48065  
**Telephone No.:** (586) 336-5552

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

The recall population was determined based on manufacturing records and the defect set forth in Takata's notifications to NHTSA (18E-001, 18E-002, and 18E-003). As prescribed in the May 4, 2016 Amendment to the November 3, 2015 Consent Order in EA15-001, the recall population includes certain vehicles originally equipped with a PSPI-L airbag inflator and that are currently registered, ever been registered, or originally sold and/or purchased in specific states or territories.

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

Similar vehicles are scheduled to be recalled in a later phase as prescribed in the May 4, 2016 Amendment to the November 3, 2015 Consent Order in EA15-001.

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**Total number of potentially affected vehicles:** 24,945

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**Percentage of affected vehicles that contain the defect:** 1%

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**Defect description:**

According to the equipment defect notifications (18E-001, 18E-002, and 18E-003) filed by Takata, a defect related to motor vehicle safety may arise in some of the subject non-desiccated PSAN inflators due to propellant degradation occurring after prolonged exposure to high absolute humidity, high temperatures, and high temperature cycling. Activation of a non-desiccated PSAN inflator with degraded propellant may result in an inflator rupture. An inflator rupture may cause metal fragments to pass through the air bag and into the vehicle interior at high speed, which may result in injury or death to vehicle occupants.

**Chronology:**

January 2, 2018

Takata submitted equipment defect notifications (18E-001, 18E-002, and 18E-003) to NHTSA that identified a defect in the subject passenger frontal airbag inflators.

January 9, 2018

Based on the determination by Takata that a defect exists in the subject inflators, as set forth in the equipment defect notification (18E-001, 18E-002, and 18E-003) filed by Takata on January 2, 2018, Honda Motor Co., Ltd., determined a safety defect exists in the affected vehicles and decided to conduct a safety recall.

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**Program for remedying the defect:**

The owners of all affected vehicles will be contacted by mail and asked to take their vehicle to a Honda or Acura automobile dealer. The dealer will replace the passenger frontal airbag inflator with a new inflator, free of charge.

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**The estimated date to start notification to dealers:** January 10, 2018

**The estimated date to start notifications to owners:** February 12, 2018

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

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

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**Proposed owner notification letter submission:**

A draft of the owner notification letter will be submitted to your office as soon as possible.

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**Manufacturer's campaign number:**

UOH: Acura RL

G0I: Honda Element, Ridgeline