

**DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT**

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

**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 2010 model year	05/13/2009 – 09/11/2010
Acura RL	Certain 2011 model year	11/02/2010 – 04/28/2011
Acura RL	Certain 2012 model year	10/08/2011 – 06/21/2012
Honda Element	Certain 2010 model year	09/22/2009 – 10/18/2010
Honda Element	Certain 2011 model year	10/20/2010 – 04/18/2011
Honda Ridgeline	Certain 2010 model year	08/13/2009 – 06/09/2010
Honda Ridgeline	Certain 2011 model year	06/15/2010 – 10/18/2011
Honda Ridgeline	Certain 2012 model year	11/01/2011 – 09/29/2012
Honda Ridgeline	Certain 2013 model year	09/26/2012 – 09/04/2013
Honda Ridgeline	Certain 2014 model year	09/09/2013 – 06/26/2014

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**Identification of affected component:**

**Component:** Passenger's Frontal Airbag Inflator (PSPI-L)

<b>Part No.:</b>	Element	Ridgeline	RL
	77820-SCV-A91ZA	77820-SJC-A92ZB	06780-SJA-A80

**Country of Origin:** USA  
**Manufacturer:** T.K. Global LLC  
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**Description of the basis for the determination of the recall population:**

According to the May 4, 2016 Amendment to the November 3, 2015 Consent Order, the fourth phase of the Takata DIRs that affect the subject vehicles (Priority Group 10) are not scheduled until late 2018. However, in consideration of a sufficient supply of final remedy inflators, and upon consultation with the NHTSA, Honda is further accelerating the launch of the remedy for these vehicles ahead of the late 2018 scheduled Takata DIRs.

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:**

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.

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**Total number of potentially affected vehicles:** 57,095

<u>Make/Model</u>	<u>Model Year</u>	<u>Number of Vehicles</u>
Acura RL	2010	465
Acura RL	2011	566
Acura RL	2012	210
Honda Element	2010	3,377
Honda Element	2011	6,526
Honda Ridgeline	2010	3,101
Honda Ridgeline	2011	9,230
Honda Ridgeline	2012	8,577
Honda Ridgeline	2013	11,094
Honda Ridgeline	2014	13,949

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

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**Defect description:**

According to the May 4, 2016 Amendment to the November 3, 2015 Consent Order, Takata agreed to conduct recalls on a rolling basis for a defect in all driver and passenger inflators that contain a PSAN-based propellant, and do not contain a moisture-absorbing desiccant.

Specifically, 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.

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**Chronology:**

September 19, 2018

In consideration of a sufficient supply of final remedy inflators, Honda consulted with the NHTSA about advancing the recall launch of Priority Group 10 vehicles.

September 20, 2018

Honda determined that a defect related to motor vehicle safety exists and decided to conduct a safety recall ahead of the fourth phase of the Takata DIRs scheduled for late 2018.

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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:** September 28, 2018

**The estimated date to start notifications to owners:** November 13, 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:**

H2H: Honda Element, Ridgeline

S2I: Acura RL