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Subject	Stop Sale/Safety Recall: 2001-2015 Multi-Model Driver's Airbag Inflator						

DATE: March 7, 2019

TO: All Honda Parts & Service Managers, Advisors and Personnel

FROM: Brad Ortloff, Manager of Auto Campaigns and Recalls

RE: Stop Sale/Safety Recall: 2001-2015 Multi-Model Driver's Airbag Inflator

Yesterday, March 6, 2019, American Honda notified NHTSA of a stop sale and safety recall for certain model year 2001-2015 Honda vehicles to address concerns related to specific Takata driver's airbag inflators that could potentially rupture in a crash due to a defect. **Refer to your eResponsibility report, or do an iN VIN status inquiry, to determine which units in your inventory are affected.**

Failure to repair a vehicle as necessary prior to sale may subject your dealership to claims or lawsuits.

BACKGROUND

The vehicles involved in this recall were repaired in the early stages of the current driver's airbag inflator recalls (service bulletins 15-040, 16-016 and 17-010) or as part of a service repair that involved a replacement airbag module using specific Takata inflators not subject to recall at that time. These inflators are now deemed defective due to an observed over-pressurization. Over-pressurization in an inflator during airbag deployment could cause the inflator to rupture and eject sharp metal fragments into the cabin, increasing the risk of injury or death.

AFFECTED MODELS

2001-2007 Accord, 2001-2005 Civic, 2002-2011 CR-V, 2011-2015 CR-Z, 2003-2011 Element, 2009-2014 Fit, 2010-2014 Insight, 2002-2004 Odyssey, 2003-2008 Pilot, and 2006-2014 Ridgeline.

REPAIR

Vehicles affected by service bulletin 19-030 will require removal and replacement of the driver's airbag inflator.

PARTS

Parts to support the repair of vehicles affected by this recall are available through our normal airbag inflator ordering process.

SERVICE BULLETIN

Placeholder service bulletin 19-030, *Safety Recall: Driver's Airbag Replacement Inflator Can Be Over-Pressurized* has been posted to the Service Information System as of Thursday, March 7, 2019. Final service bulletins will be posted on Friday, March 8, 2019. It will include parts, repair, and warranty information related to this recall.

CUSTOMER NOTIFICATION

American Honda expects to complete initial customer notification by April 2019.

As always, be sure to do an iN VIN status inquiry for all vehicles passing through your dealership to determine eligibility for any open campaigns.