

DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT

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Name of manufacturer: Honda Motor Co., Ltd.
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Identification of potentially affected vehicles:

<u>Make/Model</u>	<u>Model Year</u>	<u>Dates of Manufacture</u>	<u>Number of Vehicles</u>
Acura 3.2CL	2001	01/11/2000 to 07/23/2001	38,692
Acura 3.2CL	2002	08/07/2001 to 01/10/2002	5,879
Acura 3.5RL	2000	01/10/2000 to 09/28/2000	10,678
Acura 3.5RL	2001	09/26/2000 to 12/27/2000	3,311
Acura 3.5RL	2002	01/22/2001 to 07/31/2002	16,462
Acura 3.5RL	2003	04/24/2002 to 01/28/2003	2,907
Acura 3.2TL	2000	01/01/2000 to 09/05/2000	45,859
Acura 3.2TL	2001	08/31/2000 to 02/16/2001	34,881
Acura MDX	2001	01/25/2000 to 10/19/2001	44,331
Acura MDX	2002	07/17/2001 to 09/30/2002	49,056
Honda Accord Coupe	2000	01/03/2000 to 08/31/2000	53,480
Honda Accord Sedan	2000	01/01/2000 to 08/24/2000	63,380
Honda Civic Coupe	2000	01/03/2000 to 08/14/2000	86,885
Honda Civic Sedan	2000	01/06/2000 to 06/09/2000	7,336
Honda CR-V	2000	01/06/2000 to 09/04/2000	84,832
Honda CR-V	2001	08/29/2000 to 09/27/2001	117,443
Honda Odyssey	2000	01/04/2000 to 08/23/2000	86,166
Honda Odyssey	2001	07/13/2000 to 08/22/2001	124,388

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

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:

According to the equipment defect notification 19E-080 filed by Takata, the suspect range of Non-Azide Driver Frontal Airbag Inflators (NADI) were produced up to August 31, 1999. Out of an abundance of caution, Honda is recalling all vehicles built from production start-up through December 31, 1999 in a separate recall.

This recall is specific to all vehicles built starting on January 1, 2000 until the end of OEM application of the NADI inflator and could potentially have received a suspect driver frontal airbag module replacement service part containing a NADI inflator produced up to August 31, 1999.

Identification of affected component:

Component:	Driver Frontal Airbag Module Replacement Service Part	
Part No.:	06770-SY8-A90	Acura 3.2CL, 3.2TL, and MDX
	06770-SZ3-A50	Acura 3.5RL
	06770-S84-A80	Honda Accord Coupe, Accord Sedan, and Odyssey
	06770-S02-A70	Honda Civic Coupe and Civic Sedan
	06770-S02-Q81	Honda CR-V
Country of Origin:	Japan and U.S.	
Manufacturer:	Takata (TK Global LLC)	

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Total number of potentially affected vehicles: 875,966

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Percentage of affected vehicles that contain the defect: 4%

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Defect description:

According to the equipment defect notification 19E-080 filed by Takata, certain Takata Non-Azide Driver Airbag Inflators have the potential to exhibit elevated moisture ingress due to insufficient aluminum tape seal. This can lead to slow deployment, which may result in insufficient protection by the driver frontal airbag, or there may be over-aggressive combustion creating excessive internal pressure when the driver frontal airbag is deployed. Very high internal pressure could result in the body of the airbag inflator rupturing upon deployment. An inflator rupture may cause metal fragments to pass through the vehicle interior at high speed, which may result in injury or death to vehicle occupants.

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Chronology:

July 29, 2015

Honda was informed of a NADI inflator rupture event occurring at an auto dismantling facility in Japan on July 22, 2015. A rupture incident report confirming the rupture was submitted to NHTSA per Standing General Order 2015-01.

May 11, 2016

Honda was informed of a potential NADI inflator rupture field event with a reported injury occurring in Houston, TX on November 21, 2012. An initial rupture incident report was submitted to NHTSA per Standing General Order 2015-01A and an investigation into the rupture claim was launched.

July 29, 2016

The investigation of the Texas field event revealed that the vehicle owner initially contacted Honda on June 10, 2013. At that time, a claim was opened but it was subsequently closed on July 22, 2013 because the police report did not mention an airbag "rupture," the vehicle had already been scrapped, and the suspect airbag components were not available for inspection. However, based on photographic evidence, Honda confirmed that the airbag inflator ruptured and submitted a final rupture incident report to NHTSA per Standing General Order 2015-01A.

September 5, 2018

Honda was informed of a NADI inflator rupture event that occurred at an auto dismantling facility in Japan on August 10, 2018. A final rupture incident report was submitted to NHTSA per Standing General Order 2015-01A.

October 31, 2019

Takata informed Honda of two NADI inflator rupture field events in Australia which involved a different vehicle manufacturer and provided relevant information.

November 26, 2019

Takata submitted equipment defect notification 19E-080 to NHTSA listing Honda as an affected OEM.

December 18, 2019

NHTSA issued Equipment Query EQ19-002 requesting information from Honda.

January 3, 2020

Honda responded to EQ19-002 with an estimated population of Acura and Honda vehicles equipped with a Takata NADI inflator.

January 16, 2020

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

As of January 16, 2020, Honda has received one injury claim related to this issue.

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Program for remedying the defect:

Registered owners of all affected vehicles will be sent an initial letter informing them the replacement parts needed to remedy their vehicle is currently not available. Once replacement parts are available, registered owners will be sent a second letter requesting they take their vehicle to an Acura or Honda automobile dealer. The dealer will inspect the driver frontal airbag and replace the inflator with an inflator of a different design, if necessary, for free.

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The estimated date to start notification to dealers: January 21, 2020

The estimated date to start notifications to owners: March 9, 2020

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Representative copies of all notices, bulletins and other communications:

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

A draft of the interim and final owner notification letters will be submitted to your office as soon as possible.

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Manufacturer's campaign number: TBD