



# **AIRBAG INFLATOR RECALL INFORMATION**

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## AIRBAG INFLATOR RECALLS – GENERAL INFORMATION

### *Honda's Commitment*

Honda is committed to addressing the needs and concerns of our customers who are affected by the recalls of Takata airbag inflators. We stand behind the safety and quality of our products. The protection of the drivers and passengers in our vehicles is our paramount concern.

We apologize to our customers for any inconvenience, and want you to know we are doing everything possible to accelerate production of the replacement of airbag inflators.

### *Is Your Vehicle Affected?*

To determine whether your Honda or Acura vehicle is subject to an outstanding airbag inflator recall, please visit [www.honda.ca/recalls](http://www.honda.ca/recalls) or [motorcycle.honda.ca/safety/recalls](http://motorcycle.honda.ca/safety/recalls) or call the **Honda Airbag Inflator Hotline at 1-877-445-7754** or Acura vehicle owners to visit [www.acura.ca/recalls](http://www.acura.ca/recalls) or call **the Acura Airbag Inflator Hotline at 1-877-445-9844**.

If your vehicle is one of the following models, it may be subject to an airbag inflator recall. **Models subject to Takata airbag inflator recalls (as of January 10, 2017):**

Honda Automobiles	
Accord	2001 – 2008
Civic	2001 – 2008
CR-V	2002 – 2011
CR-Z	2011 – 2015
Element	2003 – 2010
Fit	2007 – 2014
Insight	2010, 2012
Odyssey	2002 – 2004
Pilot	2003 – 2008
Ridgeline	2006 – 2014
Honda Motorcycles	
Gold Wing GL1800	2007 – 2008

Acura Automobiles	
CL	2003
CSX	2006 – 2008
EL	2001 – 2005
ILX	2013 – 2016
MDX	2003 – 2006
RDX	2007 – 2015
RL	2005 – 2012
TL	2002 – 2003, 2009 – 2014
ZDX	2010 – 2013

## ***Recall Expansions***

In May 2016, the United States National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) announced further recall expansions between May 2016 and December 2019, based on prioritization of risk.

This prioritization of risk is based on the age of the inflators and exposure to high absolute humidity and fluctuating high temperatures that accelerate the degradation of the chemical propellant. Honda has determined that vehicles in Canada will be treated the same as those in the northern United States, due to similar (lower) risk exposure.

If a vehicle is added to the list of recalled vehicles in the future, this site will be updated. In addition, recall notifications will be sent to owners using the most current address information we have available. Owners can also check their vehicle's recall status on [www.honda.ca/recalls](http://www.honda.ca/recalls) or [www.acura.ca/recalls](http://www.acura.ca/recalls) or [motorcycle.honda.ca/safety/recalls](http://motorcycle.honda.ca/safety/recalls) or call the [Airbag Inflator Hotline](#) for up to date recall notice information.

Please refer to [Latest News & Updates](#) section for more details on this development.

## ***What do I do if my Vehicle is Subject to an Airbag Inflator Recall?***

If your vehicle is affected by an airbag inflator recall, as soon as you have been advised to do so by Honda or Acura, we encourage you to take immediate action to have your vehicle's airbag inflator inspected and replaced where required. Such inspection and/or replacement will be conducted free of charge at any authorized Honda or Acura dealer. Recall notices will be mailed to owners of affected vehicles according to the most current address information we have available.

Owners should also check [www.honda.ca/recalls](http://www.honda.ca/recalls) or [www.acura.ca/recalls](http://www.acura.ca/recalls) or [motorcycle.honda.ca/safety/recalls](http://motorcycle.honda.ca/safety/recalls) or call the [Airbag Inflator Hotline](#) for up to date recall notice information.

## ***What if there's a Wait for Parts to Complete the Recall Service on my Vehicle?***

Ample replacement parts are currently available to replace inflators on recalled models. Customers who were previously advised that replacement parts were not yet available, will be sent a notification using the most up-to-date information available to Honda, notifying them that parts are available to complete recall service on their vehicle. Customers who received an initial recall notice but who have not yet received a second notification regarding parts availability, should contact their local dealer or should call the [Airbag Inflator Hotline](#) to discuss obtaining the recall service on their vehicle.

While we do not anticipate a wait for parts to complete recall service in most circumstances, should you have a concern about any wait for an inspection of your vehicle's airbag inflator or, if needed, for a replacement airbag inflator, we have a customer service procedure that addresses individual customer needs and concerns and encompasses, as appropriate, the provision of or reimbursement for temporary alternative transportation, until your own vehicle's airbag inflator is inspected and, where required, replaced. For information on the provision of temporary alternative transportation or reimbursement for same, please call the [Airbag Inflator Hotline](#).

## AIRBAG INFLATOR RECALL FACT SHEET

This document provides customers and other stakeholders with current, factual information on the Takata airbag inflator recall as it pertains to Honda and Acura in Canada. Unless otherwise noted, all information concerns the Canadian market only.

### ***Honda and Acura Dealer Support***

Authorized Honda and Acura dealerships will complete the recall service at no charge to the customer. If an owner requests temporary alternative transportation while awaiting recall service, while the service is in progress, or if there is a delay in servicing an affected vehicle, Honda and Acura dealers can arrange temporary alternative transportation, where required. Please contact Honda Airbag Inflator Hotline at 1-877-445-7754 or Acura Airbag Inflator Hotline at 1-877-445-9844 to assist you.

### ***Inflator Parts Supply***

Ample replacement parts are currently available to replace inflators on recalled models. Customers who were previously advised that replacement parts were not yet available, will be sent a notification using the most up-to-date information available to Honda, notifying them that parts are available to complete recall service on their vehicle. Customers who received an initial recall notice but who have not yet received a second notification regarding parts availability, should contact their local dealer or should call the [Airbag Inflator Hotline](#) to discuss obtaining the recall service on their vehicle.

While we do not anticipate a wait for parts to complete recall service in most circumstances, should you have a concern about any wait for an inspection of your vehicle's airbag inflator or, if needed, for a replacement airbag inflator, we have a customer service procedure that addresses individual customer needs and concerns and encompasses, as appropriate, the provision of or reimbursement for temporary alternative transportation, until your own vehicle's airbag inflator is inspected and, where required, replaced. For information on the provision of temporary alternative transportation or reimbursement for same, please call the [Airbag Inflator Hotline](#).

### ***Ongoing Customer Notification Efforts***

Notifications will be mailed to owners of affected units, according to the most current address information Honda has available. Where there was previously a delay in parts availability to complete the recall service, owners will be sent a second notification once parts become available.

If you reside in the United States and/or your vehicle is regularly operated or stored in the United States, please contact the [Airbag Inflator Hotline](#).

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### ***Why is Honda recalling these vehicles?***

The recalls of driver and passenger front airbag inflators, have been issued to address identified defects. These defects may result in the over-pressurization of an airbag inflator when an airbag deploys. If an affected airbag deploys, it may do so with too much pressure, causing the inflator casing to rupture and eject metal fragments that could injure or cause the death of vehicle occupants.

Investigation to date by Takata, suggests an increase in the risk of an inflator rupture where the vehicle has had several years of exposure to persistent high absolute humidity conditions and high temperatures, and significantly lower where it has not.

To date, Honda has not identified any abnormal deployments of airbags containing Takata inflators, in Canada, which involve the issues these recalls are intended to address.

### ***How many total vehicles have been subject to safety recalls because of Takata airbag inflator rupture recalls in Canada?***

As of January 2017, 1,264,547 total Honda and Acura automobiles in Canada are or have been subject to one or more recalls related to the risk of a Takata airbag inflator rupture.

### ***What will be done to recalled vehicles?***

The majority of vehicles included in the airbag inflator recalls will require the replacement of the airbag inflator. A subset of customers have been asked to bring their vehicles in to complete an inspection to determine the make of the inflator; depending on the outcome of the inspection, the inflator may or may not be replaced. Airbag inflators must be inspected and/or replaced by an authorized Honda or Acura dealer. Both the inspection and replacement will be completed free of charge.

For affected Gold Wing GL1800 motorcycles, recall service will involve replacement of an entire airbag module assembly.

### ***Who manufactured the airbag inflators identified in these recalls and campaigns?***

Takata or a Takata subsidiary.

### ***When will I be notified?***

Honda Canada has sent notifications to customers with affected vehicles, using the best name and address information available to us. To check to see if your VIN is affected by a recall, please visit [www.honda.ca/recalls](http://www.honda.ca/recalls) or [www.acura.ca/recalls](http://www.acura.ca/recalls).

Parts are currently available for most of the vehicles presently subject to an airbag inflator recall.

Where there is a delay in parts to complete the recall service, owners will receive a second notification once parts become available.

***Will there be a delay for certain replacement parts?***

Ample replacement parts are currently available to replace inflators on recalled models. Customers who were previously advised that replacement parts were not yet available, will be sent a notification using the most up-to-date information available to Honda, notifying them that parts are available to complete recall service on their vehicle. Customers who received an initial recall notice but who have not yet received a second notification regarding parts availability, should contact their local dealer or should call the [Airbag Inflator Hotline](#) to discuss obtaining recall service on their vehicle.

While, we do not anticipate a wait for parts to complete recall service in most circumstances, should you have a concern about any wait for an inspection of your vehicle's airbag inflator or, if needed, for a replacement airbag inflator, we have a customer service procedure that addresses individual customer needs and concerns and encompasses, as appropriate, the provision of or reimbursement for temporary alternative transportation, until your own vehicle's airbag inflator is inspected and, where required, replaced. For information on the provision of temporary alternative transportation or reimbursement for same, please call the [Airbag Inflator Hotline](#).

***Can I have my airbag temporarily disconnected pending parts availability?***

Honda Canada does not recommend disconnecting airbags. We will work with concerned customers to find solutions that meet their needs, including repairing the vehicle as quickly as possible, or providing or reimbursing customers for temporary alternative transportation.

***How long will the airbag inflator replacement take?***

The replacement of an airbag inflator typically takes less than an hour. Customers should ask their dealers for a time estimate when making an appointment for replacement, as each dealer's daily schedule is different. Scheduling an appointment is important to having the service done in as timely and predictable a manner as possible and will generally allow for a replacement part to be ordered and delivered in time for the scheduled appointment. If a replacement part is not available, dealers or Honda Canada will work with each customer to arrange the provision of or reimbursement for alternative transportation.

***Do I need to have the recall notice/letter in order to get the recall performed?***

No. Honda or Acura dealers can currently confirm if a vehicle is included in a recall using the vehicle's VIN.

***If I have had a recall completed is it possible their vehicle may need an additional service as a result of a subsequent recall?***

It is possible that vehicles affected by prior Takata airbag inflator recalls may need an additional service as a result of a subsequent recall. This is because the prior recall was made with a previous version inflator and this most recent service utilizes a more up to date inflator design. You can

check your vehicle's VIN by visiting [www.honda.ca/recalls](http://www.honda.ca/recalls) or [www.acura.ca/recalls](http://www.acura.ca/recalls) [motorcycle.honda.ca/safety/recalls](http://motorcycle.honda.ca/safety/recalls) or to determine whether it has an outstanding recall.

***I live far away from an Authorized Honda/Acura dealer. How can I have recall service completed?***

Please contact the [Airbag Inflator Hotline](#) to assist you.

If you and/or your vehicle reside in the United States, please contact the [Airbag Inflator Hotline](#).

***Will the inflator defects cause my vehicle's SRS light to illuminate?***

The SRS light will not illuminate as a result of an airbag inflator defect; although the SRS malfunction light on affected vehicles may be illuminated for other reasons. If your vehicle's SRS light is illuminated, take your vehicle to your Honda or Acura dealership as soon as possible for inspection.

***Are vehicle's being recalled globally as a result of this issue?***

Yes, this is a global issue affecting Honda/Acura vehicles as well as the vehicles of other manufacturers.

***What is a higher-risk "alpha" inflator?***

Refer to the section titled "INFORMATION ON HIGHER-RISK "ALPHA" INFLATORS IN CERTAIN 2001 – 2003 VEHICLES" at the end of this document.

***What should I do if my vehicle is a 2001-2003 Honda or Acura vehicle with a higher-risk "alpha" inflator?***

These vehicles are not part of a new recall or recall expansion, as these vehicles were included in recalls previously announced by Honda between December 2008 and December 2011.

Honda encourages owners of 2001 – 2003 Honda and Acura vehicles to visit [www.honda.ca/recalls](http://www.honda.ca/recalls) or [www.acura.ca/recalls](http://www.acura.ca/recalls), or call the [Airbag Inflator Hotline](#), to determine whether their vehicle is subject to an outstanding airbag inflator recall. Where a vehicle is subject to an outstanding airbag inflator recall, Honda urges Honda and Acura vehicle owners to contact a local Honda or Acura dealer, as soon as possible, to have recall service completed on their vehicle, free of charge.

***Have there been any airbag inflator ruptures causing abnormal deployments, in Canada?***

To date, Honda has not identified any abnormal deployments of airbags containing Takata inflators, in Canada, which involve the issues these recalls are intended to address.

Honda has become aware of at least one airbag inflator rupture in Canada involving another manufacturer's vehicle, which contained an airbag inflator manufactured by another supplier.

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No Honda or Acura vehicles were previously, or are currently, manufactured for the Canadian market with airbag inflators made by this supplier. The cause of this rupture is still under investigation and information currently available to Honda suggests that the rupture is unrelated to the issues the Takata airbag inflator recalls are intended to address.



## CONTACT US / IS MY VEHICLE AFFECTED?

To find out if your vehicle is affected or for complete recall information, please choose one of the following:



click on <http://www.honda.ca/recalls> or <http://www.acura.ca/recalls> or [motorcycle.honda.ca/safety/recalls](http://motorcycle.honda.ca/safety/recalls) and enter your VIN number (Vehicles purchased in Canada only).



Honda Airbag Inflator Hotline at **1-877-445-7754** or

Acura Airbag Inflator Hotline at **1-877-445-9844**

## LATEST NEWS & UPDATES

### **January 10, 2017 – Recall Expansion**

On January 10, 2017, Honda Canada advised Transport Canada of a further expansion of the Takata airbag inflator recalls, to include passenger front airbags in certain vehicles of the following models and model years:

<b>Honda Automobiles</b>	
<b>Accord</b>	2008
<b>Civic</b>	2006 – 2008
<b>CR-V</b>	2005 – 2008
<b>Element</b>	2005 – 2008
<b>Fit</b>	2007 – 2008
<b>Pilot</b>	2005 – 2008
<b>Ridgeline</b>	2006 – 2008

<b>Acura Automobiles</b>	
<b>CSX</b>	2006 – 2008
<b>MDX</b>	2005 – 2006
<b>RL</b>	2005 – 2008
<b>Honda Motorcycles</b>	
<b>Gold Wing GL1800</b>	2007 – 2008

Approximately 428,641 vehicles are included in this recall expansion.

This recall expansion is part of the schedule announced in late-May 2016, which involves recalls expected to take place until December 2019. Recalls are being scheduled based on prioritization of risk. Prioritization of risk is determined by the age of the airbag inflators and their exposure to high absolute humidity and fluctuating high temperatures that accelerate the degradation of the chemical propellant within these components. Honda has determined that vehicles in Canada will be treated the same as those in the northern United States, due to similar (lower) risk exposure.

### **June 30, 2016 Announcement by the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Regarding Higher-Risk “Alpha” Inflators in Certain 2001 – 2003 Vehicles**

Refer to the section titled “INFORMATION ON HIGHER-RISK “ALPHA” INFLATORS IN CERTAIN 2001 – 2003 VEHICLES” at the end of this document.

### **May 4, 2016 Announcement by the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration**

On May 4, 2016, the United States National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (“NHTSA”) set a schedule for the recall of all Takata front driver and front passenger airbag inflators that do not

contain a moisture-absorbing desiccant. These inflators can be found in multiple automakers' vehicles.

It is important to understand that for all Honda and Acura vehicles, **all Takata driver front airbag inflators that do not contain desiccant have already been recalled**. Therefore, the proposed recall schedule will only affect non-desiccated **passenger** front airbag inflators in certain Honda and Acura vehicles.

The expanded recall is expected to involve a five-stage schedule based on prioritization of risk. Recalls began to be announced in late-May 2016, and it is expected that the final recall will take place in December 2019. Recalls will be scheduled based on prioritization of risk. Prioritization of risk will be determined by the age of the airbag inflators and their exposure to high absolute humidity and fluctuating high temperatures that accelerate the degradation of the chemical propellant within these components. Honda has determined that vehicles in Canada will be treated the same as those in the northern United States, due to similar (lower) risk exposure.

Regarding the potential risk of inflator rupture during the period of these staged recalls, NHTSA has stated that the non-desiccated frontal Takata airbag inflators do not pose an unreasonable risk to safety until they reach a certain level of propellant degradation. A combination of time, environmental moisture and fluctuating high temperatures have been shown to contribute to the degradation to the propellant.

If a vehicle is added to the list of recalled units, the list of vehicles on this site will be updated. In addition, recall notifications will be sent to owners using the most current address information we have available. Owners can also check their vehicle's recall status on [www.honda.ca/recalls](http://www.honda.ca/recalls) or [www.acura.ca/recalls](http://www.acura.ca/recalls) or [motorcycle.honda.ca/safety/recalls](http://motorcycle.honda.ca/safety/recalls) or call the [Airbag Inflator Hotline](#) for up to date recall notice information.

## INFORMATION ON HIGHER-RISK “ALPHA” INFLATORS IN CERTAIN 2001 – 2003 VEHICLES

On June 30, 2016, the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Authority (“NHTSA”) made an announcement regarding certain Takata front airbag inflators installed in the driver’s side front airbag module in certain 2001-2003 Honda and Acura vehicles. These inflators are being referred to as the “alpha” inflators.

These inflators have a rupture rate of as high as 50 percent, according NHTSA and Takata.

NHTSA has stated that the risk of inflator rupture increases where vehicles have spent significant periods of time in areas of high absolute humidity and high temperature. Honda has not identified any abnormal deployments of airbags containing Takata inflators, in Canada, which involve the issues these recalls are intended to address.

Certain vehicles in the following models and model years were manufactured with “alpha” inflators. These include the following:

Honda Automobiles		Acura Automobiles	
Accord	2001 – 2002	EL	2001 – 2003
Civic	2001 – 2002	TL	2002 – 2003
CR-V	2002		
Odyssey	2002		

If you drive one of the above-noted models, please check your vehicle’s VIN on [www.honda.ca/recalls](http://www.honda.ca/recalls) or [www.acura.ca/recalls](http://www.acura.ca/recalls) or [motorcycle.honda.ca/safety/recalls](http://motorcycle.honda.ca/safety/recalls) or call the [Airbag Inflator Hotline](#) for up to date recall notice information.

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