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Recall: Front Passenger's Airbag Inflator May Produce Excessive Pressure After Long-Term Exposure To High Absolute Humidity

AFFECTED VEHICLES

Year	Model	Trim	VIN Range
2003-05	MDX	ALL	Check the iN VIN status for eligibility
2005	3.5RL	ALL	Check the iN VIN status for eligibility

BACKGROUND

Certain Acura vehicles operated in areas known for high absolute humidity and high heat may contain a front passenger's airbag that over time may be affected by exposure to the humidity, which could produce excessive internal pressure upon deployment. If an affected airbag deploys, the increased internal pressure may cause the inflator casing to rupture. Metal fragments could be propelled upward toward the windshield, or downward toward the front passenger's foot well, possibly causing an injury to vehicle occupants.

Affected Honda vehicles were originally sold or ever registered in the following geographic locations: Alabama, California, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, Texas, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

If an affected vehicle arrives for service, make sure you advise the client that their vehicle is subject to a recall and the dealer must document that the client was advised. American Honda recommends writing the following text on the repair order:

The vehicle is subject to one or more recalls affecting the driver's and/or passenger's front airbag inflators. Redesigned airbag inflators are not available for installation at this time. Once redesigned parts are available, the registered owner of the vehicle will receive notice to bring the vehicle in for replacement of the component.

This bulletin will be revised once the repair procedure, parts information, and warranty claim information are available.

CLIENT INFORMATION: The information in this bulletin is intended for use only by skilled technicians who have the proper tools, equipment, and training to correctly and safely maintain your vehicle. These procedures should not be attempted by "do-it-yourselfers," and you should not assume this bulletin applies to your vehicle, or that your vehicle has the condition described. To determine whether this information applies, contact an authorized Acura automobile dealer.