

July 24, 2009

Dear Service Manager:

Honda Motor Co., Ltd. is announcing a safety recall campaign for 131 2002 3.2TLs. A manufacturing error can produce over-pressurization of the driver's airbag inflator during airbag deployment. If an affected airbag deploys, the increased internal pressure may cause the inflator to rupture. Metal fragments could pass through the airbag cushion material, possibly causing an injury or fatality to vehicle occupants.

Repair Strategy

The repair is to install a driver's airbag inflator kit, and return the undeployed original inflator to its supplier. For repair, VIN, warranty, and inflator packing/shipping information, refer to Service Bulletin 09-033, *Safety Recall: Driver's Airbag Inflator Is Over-Pressurized*.

Some vehicles affected by this campaign may be in your used vehicle inventory. As a matter of federal law, these vehicles must be repaired before they are sold. Should a dealership sell an unrepaired vehicle that subsequently causes an injury or damage because of the recalled item, the dealership will be solely responsible to the damaged party, and will be required to defend and indemnify American Honda for any resulting claims.

To see if a vehicle is affected by this campaign, do a VIN status inquiry. In addition, check for a punch mark above the third character of the engine compartment VIN. A punch mark in that location means this campaign has already been completed.

Client Notification

Affected vehicle owners will be mailed a notification of this campaign the week of August 3, 2009. An example of the client notification is at the end of S/B 09-033.

Parts Information

Because of the limited number of parts in inventory, driver's airbag inflator kits are available only through the controlled parts ordering system.

Sincerely,

**American Honda Motor Co., Inc.
Acura Automobile Division**