



U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

February 12, 2010

MR. JAY JOSEPH  
SENIOR MANAGER  
PRODUCT REGULATORY OFFICE  
AMERICAN HONDA MOTORS CO., INC.  
1919 TORRANCE BLVD  
TORRANCE CA 90501-2746

NVS-215dgl  
10V-041

Subject: AIRBAG INFLATOR

Dear MR. JOSEPH:

This letter serves to acknowledge American Honda Motors Co., Inc's (Honda) notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall campaign which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the vehicles listed below.

Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

**Makes/Models/Model Years:**

**NHTSA Campaign Number: 10V-041**

ACURA/3.2CL/2003  
ACURA/3.2TL/2002-2003  
HONDA/ACCORD/2001-2002  
HONDA/CIVIC/2001-2003  
HONDA/CRV/2002  
HONDA/ODYSSEY/2002  
HONDA/PILOT/2003

**Recall Date:** February 09, 2010

**Components:** AIR BAGS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 379,000

**Summary:**

HONDA IS RECALLING MODEL YEAR 2001-2002 ACCORD 2 AND 4-DOOR, MODEL YEAR 2001-2003 CIVIC 4-DOOR, MODEL YEAR 2001-2002 CIVIC 2-DOOR, MODEL YEAR 2002-CRV, MODEL YEAR 2002 ODYSSEY, MODEL YEAR 2003 PILOT, MODEL YEAR 2002-2003 ACURA 3.2TL AND MODEL YEAR 2003 ACURA 3.2CL PASSENGER VEHICLES. THE DRIVER'S AIRBAG INFLATOR COULD PRODUCE EXCESSIVE INTERNAL PRESSURE. IF AN AFFECTED AIRBAG DEPLOYS, THE INCREASED INTERNAL PRESSURE MAY CAUSE THE INFLATOR TO RUPTURE.

**Consequence:**

METAL FRAGMENTS COULD PASS THROUGH THE AIRBAG CUSHION MATERIAL POSSIBLY CAUSING INJURY OR FATALITY TO VEHICLE OCCUPANTS.

**Remedy:**

DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE AIRBAG INFLATOR FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 25, 2010. OWNERS MAY CONTACT HONDA AUTOMOBILE CUSTOMER SERVICE AT 1-800-999-1009.

**Notes:**

CUSTOMERS MAY ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

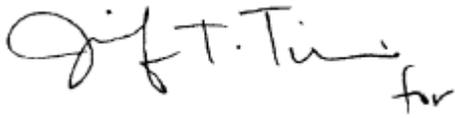
The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Delia Lopez who may be reached by phone at 202-366-9525, or by email at [Delia.lopez@dot.gov](mailto:Delia.lopez@dot.gov), or through the office email at [RMD.ODI@dot.gov](mailto:RMD.ODI@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you toward a successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "George H. Person" with a small "for" written below the name.

George H. Person  
Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement