



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

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Mr. Jay Joseph  
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NVS-215SM  
15V-153

**Subject:** Driver Side Air Bag Inflator may Rupture

Dear Mr. Joseph:

This letter serves to acknowledge Honda (American Honda Motor Co.)'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) 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:**

HONDA/ACCORD/2001  
HONDA/CIVIC/2004  
HONDA/PILOT/2008

**Mfr's Report Date:** March 16, 2015

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 15V-153

**Components:**

AIR BAGS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 104,871

**Problem Description:**

American Honda Motor Company, Inc. (Honda) is recalling certain model year 2001 Accord, 2004 Civic, and 2008 Pilot vehicles. Upon deployment of the driver side frontal air bag, excessive internal pressure may cause the inflator to rupture.

**Consequence:**

In the event of a crash necessitating deployment of the driver side frontal air bag, the inflator could rupture with metal fragments striking and potentially seriously injuring the vehicle occupants.

**Remedy:**

Honda will notify owners, and dealers will replace the driver side frontal air bag inflator in all affected vehicles, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact Honda customer service at 1-800-999-1009. Note: This recall is an expansion of recall 14V-351.

**Notes:**

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to [www.safercar.gov](http://www.safercar.gov).

This recall was the subject of a preliminary evaluation, PE14-016, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

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).

Honda has not yet informed NHTSA of its anticipated dates for owner notification and remedy availability. We ask that you please keep us informed as those plans develop.

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 Sarah Mcshane who may be reached by phone at 202-366-7401, or by email at [sarah.mcshane@dot.gov](mailto:sarah.mcshane@dot.gov) or through the office email at [rmd.odi@dot.gov](mailto:rmd.odi@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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Enforcement