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## Recall: Driver's Airbag Inflator May Produce Excessive Pressure After Long-Term Exposure to High Absolute Humidity

Supersedes 15-022, dated March 20, 2015, to include parts and warranty information, and repair procedures

### AFFECTED VEHICLES

Year	Model	Trim	VIN Range
2001	Accord	ALL	Check the iN VIN status for eligibility
2004	Civic	ALL	Check the iN VIN status for eligibility
2004	Civic GX	ALL	Check the iN VIN status for eligibility
2004	Civic Hybrid	ALL	Check the iN VIN status for eligibility
2008	Pilot	ALL	Check the iN VIN status for eligibility

### BACKGROUND

Certain Honda vehicles operated in areas known for high absolute humidity and high heat may contain a driver'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 pass through the airbag cushion material, possibly causing injury or fatality to vehicle occupants.

While much of the United States does not experience high absolute humidity over an extended period of time, to address customer concerns, American Honda is issuing this as a nationwide campaign.

American Honda is issuing a new bulletin instead of combining these affected vehicles with existing bulletins because it is easier for NHTSA reporting purposes.

### CUSTOMER NOTIFICATION

Owners of affected vehicles will receive a notification of this campaign.

Do an iN VIN status inquiry to make sure the vehicle is shown as eligible.

Some vehicles affected by this campaign may be in your used vehicle inventory. These vehicles must be repaired before they are sold.

Should your dealership sell an unrepaired vehicle that subsequently causes 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 in inventory is affected by this recall, do a VIN status inquiry before selling it.

### CORRECTIVE ACTION

Replace the driver's airbag inflator, then return the original, undeployed inflator as directed.

**NOTE: For Civic models only**, inspect the airbag and, if necessary, replace the driver's airbag inflator, then return the original, undeployed inflator as directed.

**CUSTOMER 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 Honda automobile dealer.

## PARTS INFORMATION

NOTE: Always use new Torx bolts to reinstall the airbags. The new Torx bolts are coated with threadlock to make sure they do not come loose.

Part Name	Order Part Number	Quantity
2001 Accord Driver's Airbag Inflator Kit	04770-S5A-305	1
2004 Civic (includes GX and Hybrid) Driver's Airbag Inflator Kit	04770-S5A-305	1
2008 Pilot Driver's Airbag Inflator Kit	04770-S9A-306	1
Torx Bolts (For reinstalling Autoliv airbags only)	90134-S04-A81	2

NOTE:

- The inflator kit box must be used to return the old inflator to its supplier, ideally within 48 hours of the repair. Be careful not to damage the inflator kit box.
- If the defective, undeployed inflator is not returned, the warranty claim for that vehicle will be charged back to your dealership.
- Follow the shipping instructions supplied with the inflator kit. If you have any questions about shipping, call Warranty Parts Inspection (WPI) at **937-642-2737**.

## WARRANTY CLAIM INFORMATION

NOTE:

- **Use the Autoliv claim for removing and reinstalling Autoliv airbags only.** Do not use it to claim any labor on Takata airbags.
- To avoid non-payment of warranty claims, the serial number on the box of the new airbag inflator must be entered in the Diagnostic Trouble Codes field on each warranty claim. For more information, refer to step 2 of REPAIR PROCEDURE.
- To avoid a warranty claim being charged back to your dealership, the defective, undeployed inflator must be returned to its supplier. Follow the shipping instructions supplied with the inflator kit. If you have any questions about shipping, call Warranty Parts Inspection (WPI) at **937-642-2737**.

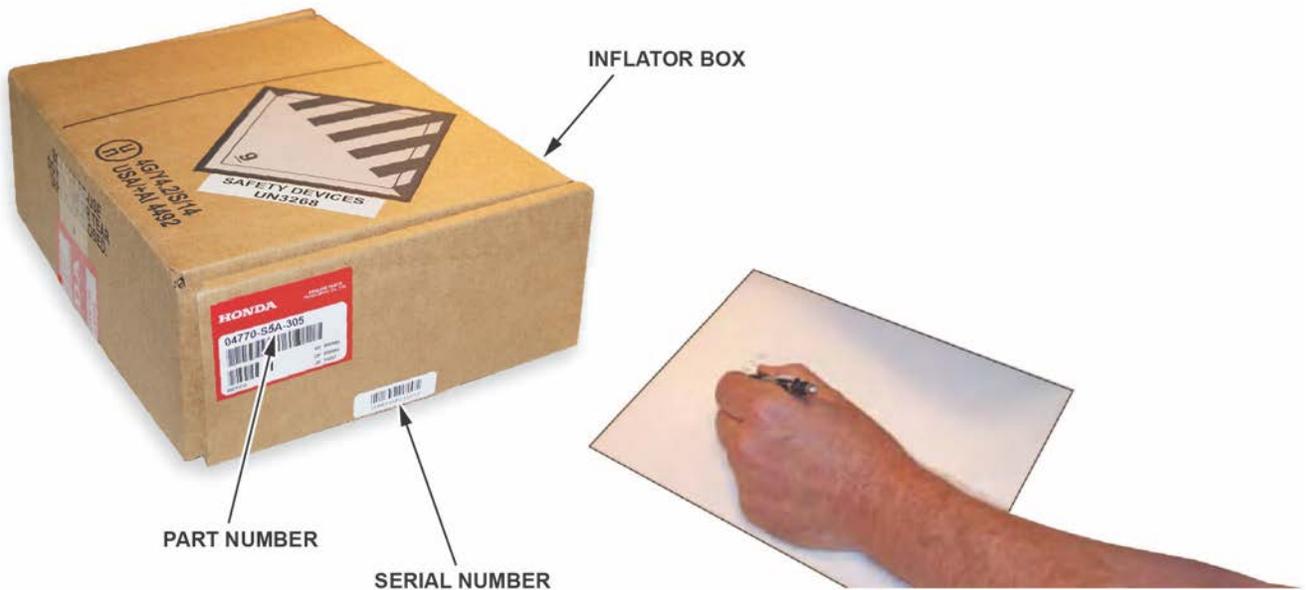
Year/Model	Operation Number	Description	Flat Rate Time	Defect Code	Symptom Code	Failed Part Number
2001 Accord	7521H7	Replace the driver's airbag inflator.	0.5 hr	5VJ00	JP900	06770-SDA-A80ZA
2004 Civic	7521H7		0.5 hr	5VJ00	JP800	06770-S5A-A10ZA
2004 Civic GX	7521H7					
2004 Civic Hybrid	7521H7					
2008 Pilot	7521H7	0.5 hr	5VJ00	JP700	06770-S9V-A01ZA	
2004 Civic 2004 GX 2004 Civic Hybrid	7525A9	Remove and reinstall the Autoliv airbag.	0.3 hr	5VJ00	JP800	06770-S5A-A10ZA

Skill Level: Repair Technician

## REPAIR PROCEDURE

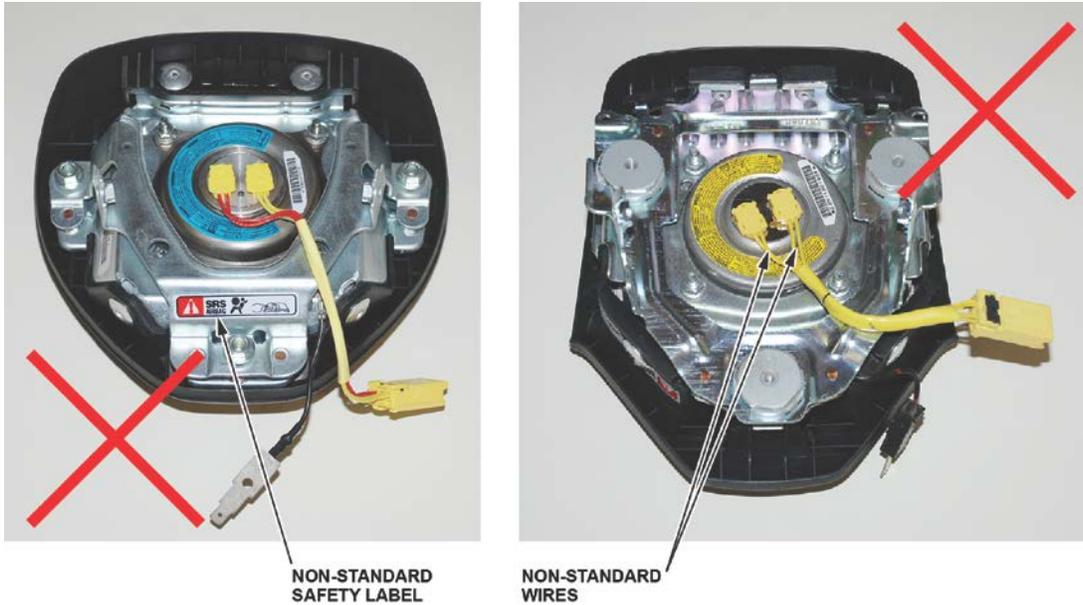
### NOTE:

- Be careful not to damage any parts when replacing the inflator, and **follow the procedure exactly**.
  - If, before removing the airbag, you suspect that it may be the incorrect airbag for the vehicle or a counterfeit, **do not remove the airbag**. Contact your DPSM for assistance.
  - Do not open the inflator kit until you have confirmed a Takata inflator is installed in the vehicle because if you have to return the inflator, the kit must be unopened.
  - If the vehicle you are working on has an Autoliv airbag and inflator, **do not disassemble the airbag** because the inflator cannot be reinstalled, and you will have to replace the airbag module.
1. Remove the driver's airbag.
  2. Write down the serial number and part number located on the right side of the new inflator's box on the RO. For the warranty claim to be paid, your warranty clerk must enter the serial number in the Diagnostic Trouble Codes field on the warranty claim.



3. Place the airbag, face down, on a clean shop towel.

4. Visually inspect the airbag and the inflator for any unusual writing or markings.
  - If there is nothing unusual about the airbag or the inflator, go to step 5.
  - If there are any unusual markings, like an incorrect label or a model year written in marker, the airbag and inflator may not be the correct airbag and/or inflator for the vehicle or it may be a counterfeit part. For more information about counterfeit airbags, you can refer to [safercar.gov](http://safercar.gov), enter keywords **MANAGING COUNTERFEIT**, and select **Recommended Dealer Guidance for Managing Counterfeit Air Bags** from the list. **If you suspect that the airbag or inflator is counterfeit, do not continue this procedure.** Contact your DPSM for assistance.



5. **Civic only** - Determine if the airbag is made by Autoliv or Takata by comparing the inflators to those in the images below.

NOTE: The Autoliv serial number label is different from the Takata label; the Autoliv has 11 characters, the Takata has 9.

- If the airbag is made by Autoliv, the airbag is OK. Reinstall the airbag using new Torx bolts. Torque the bolts to **9.8 N·m (7.2 lb-ft)**. If you already received a replacement inflator, return the unopened kit to American Honda.
- If the airbag is made by Takata, go to step 6.

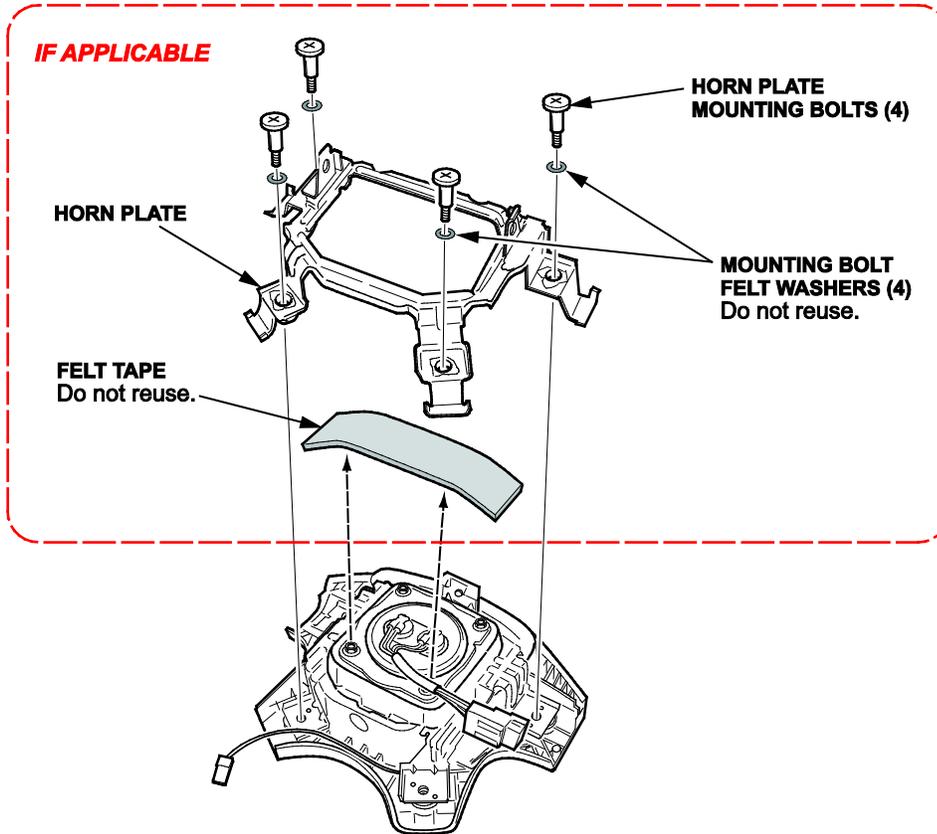
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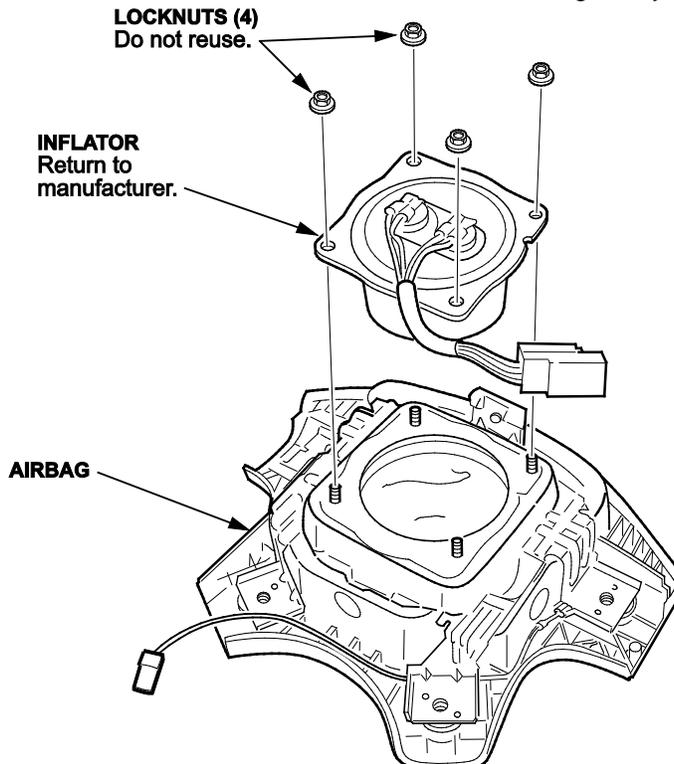


6. If there is no horn plate installed, go to step 7. If there is a horn plate installed, remove the four horn plate mounting bolts, the mounting bolt felt washers, the horn plate, and remove the felt tape covering the lower two inflator locknuts. The felt washers and felt tape will not be reused.



7. Using needle-nose vise grips or a 3/8 in. 6-point socket, remove the four locknuts from the inflator. The locknuts will not be reused.

NOTE: Do not remove the inflator from the airbag until you complete step 8.



- Use shop air to clean any debris that may be on the inflator, then remove the inflator from the airbag.

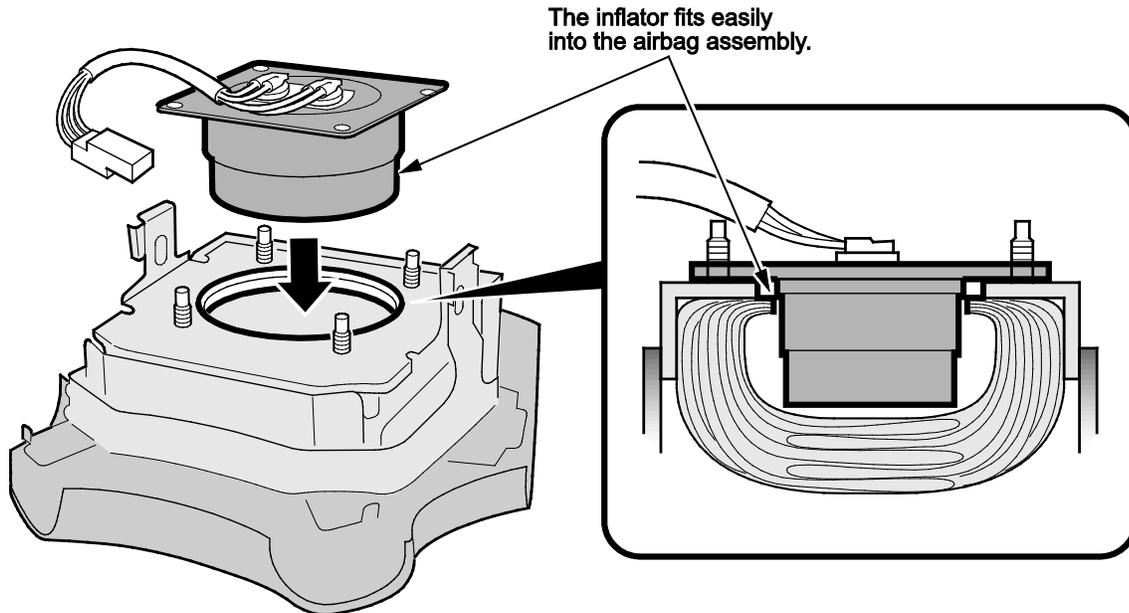
NOTE:

- Do not allow any debris to enter the inflator opening in the airbag.
- Do not deploy the inflator. The inflator must be returned to its supplier in the box the new inflator came in. Follow the shipping instructions supplied with the inflator kit. If you have any questions about shipping, call Warranty Parts Inspection (WPI) at **937-642-2737**.

- Turn over the airbag (inflator side down), and shake it to remove any debris from the inflator opening.

- Install the new inflator in the airbag.

NOTE: There may be some minor surface rust or corrosion on the new inflator; this is OK.



- Install and torque the new locknuts to **3.9 N·m (2.8 lb-ft, 34 lb-in)**.
- If applicable, cover the lower two inflator locknuts with new felt tape.
- If applicable, reinstall the horn plate with new felt washers on its mounting bolts. Torque the mounting bolts to **3.4 N·m (2.5 lb-ft, 30 lb-in)**, then make sure the horn plate moves freely.
- Reinstall the driver's airbag using new Torx bolts and torque the bolts to **9.8 N·m (7.2 lb-ft)**.
- Give your warranty clerk the inflator serial number and part number you wrote down in step 2. For the warranty claim to be paid, your warranty clerk must enter the serial number in the Diagnostic Trouble Codes field on the warranty claim.

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