



AUTOMOBILE DIVISION
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NHTSA Recall 15V-320

IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL

This notice applies to your vehicle.

Dear

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

What is the reason for this notice?

Honda has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2003-2011 model year Element vehicles.

The defect in these vehicles could kill or injure you or other people in your vehicle.

Specifically, in some vehicles, the driver's front airbag inflator could produce excessive internal pressure upon deployment. If an affected airbag deploys, the increased internal pressure may cause the inflator to rupture (break apart) and deploy abnormally. In the event of an inflator rupture, metal fragments could pass through the airbag cushion material possibly causing serious injury or fatality to you or others in the vehicle. Past ruptures like this have killed and injured vehicle drivers.

This recall consolidates all of Honda's previous recalls concerning the driver's front airbag inflator.

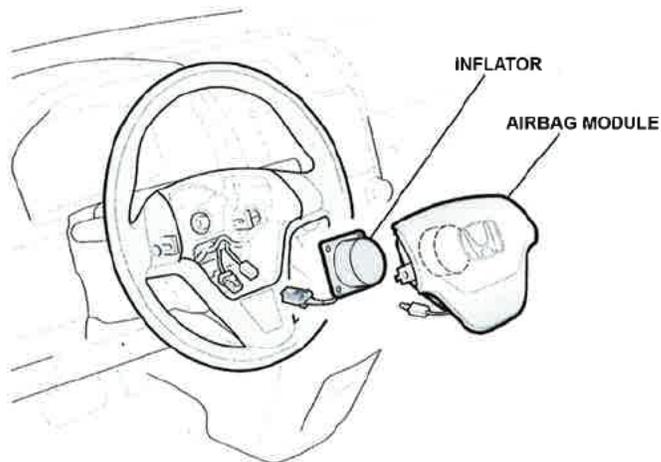
Even if your vehicle was previously repaired, your vehicle is still covered by this recall and will need to be repaired again.

What should you do?

Enter your VIN on Honda's recall website (www.recalls.honda.com) or on NHTSA's recall website (www.safercar.gov) to confirm your vehicle's recall status.

Please call any authorized Honda dealer and make an appointment to have your vehicle repaired, **at no cost to you**, unless the recall websites indicated that there are no open recalls on your vehicle.

An illustration showing the location of the driver's front airbag inflator, which is the only component of the airbag module (other components are the airbag cushion and airbag module cover) that will be replaced, free of charge, during the recall repair, is shown below:



While parts are available to conduct airbag inflator replacements at the time of this notice, the scope of the current airbag inflator recalls creates the possibility that the parts necessary to complete the recall repair may not be available at the time you call. If this occurs, please discuss your specific needs and concerns with your dealer, including the provision of, or reimbursement for, temporary alternative transportation, as necessary. You may also contact Honda's Automobile Customer Service (at the number listed below) to address your needs and concerns.

Once you make an appointment to repair your vehicle, be advised that the complete replacement process may take approximately 30 minutes; however, please ask your dealer for the specific time your vehicle will need to be at the dealership.

If you have questions or concerns, we encourage you to visit www.recalls.honda.com or to call Honda Automobile Customer Service at 1-888-234-2138.

WHO TO CONTACT IF YOU EXPERIENCE PROBLEMS?

If you are not satisfied with the service you receive from your Honda dealer, you may write to:

American Honda Motor Co., Inc.
Honda Automobile Customer Service
Mail Stop 500-2N-7A
1919 Torrance Blvd.
Torrance, CA 90501-2746

If you believe that American Honda or the dealer has failed or is unable to remedy the defect in your vehicle, without charge, within a reasonable period of time (60 days from the date you first contact the dealer for a repair appointment), you may submit a complaint to:

Administrator
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, DC 20590

Alternatively, you may call the NHTSA's toll-free Safety Hotline at 888-327-4236 (TTY 800-424-9153), or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU FEEL THIS NOTICE IS IN ERROR?

If you are not the current owner or lessee of the 2003-2011 Honda Element identified on the Information Change Card included in this mailing, or if the name/address information on the card is not correct, please complete and sign the card and return it in the enclosed postage-paid envelope. We will then update our records.

LESSOR INFORMATION:

Federal law requires that any lessor receiving this notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee (customer) within 10 days.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS:

If you have any questions about this notice, or need assistance with locating a Honda dealer, please call Honda Automobile Customer Service at 1-888-234-2138. U.S. customers can also locate a dealer online at www.automobiles.honda.com. Customers in U.S. territories, please contact your local dealer/distributor.

We apologize for any inconvenience this recall may cause you.

Sincerely,

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

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