

Honda Recall Notification – Amendment to 15V-370

Passenger Airbag Inflator Recall

2003-2004 MY Honda CR-V

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573.6(c)(2)

Identification of potentially affected vehicles:

T.K. Holdings Inc. (“Takata”) determined that a safety-related defect exists in certain passenger’s frontal airbag inflators, as set forth in the equipment defect notifications designated as the Amendment to DIR 15E-043 that was filed by Takata on December 15, 2015.

Based on Takata’s Defect Information Report, and NHTSA’s Coordinated Remedy Order issued November 3, 2015, Honda is filing this amended Defect Information Report to recall model years 2003-2004 Honda CR-V vehicles wherever located in the United States and its territories, to replace the PSPI passenger frontal airbag inflators contained in those vehicles.

Should further information from Takata or NHTSA be revealed to Honda (or otherwise developed) and indicate the necessity for an expansion of this recall, AHM will expand the recall population initially identified by Takata to cover other vehicles.

<u>Make/Model</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>VIN Range/Dates of Manufacture</u>
Honda CR-V 2WD	2003 model year	JHLRD68533C011420 - JHLRD68493C019352 Date of Manufacture TBD
		SHSRD68433U103031 - SHSRD68473U109348 Date of Manufacture TBD
Honda CR-V 4WD	2003 model year	JHLRD78853C031233 - JHLRD784X3C050535 Date of Manufacture TBD
		SHSRD778X3U139258 - SHSRD78883U161435 Date of Manufacture TBD
Honda CR-V 2WD	2004 model year	JHLRD68464C000002 - JHLRD68424C024426 Date of Manufacture TBD
		SHSRD684X4U200101 - SHSRD684X4U209848 Date of Manufacture TBD
Honda CR-V 4WD	2004 model year	JHLRD78834C000001 - JHLRD78874C060654 Date of Manufacture TBD
		SHSRD78894U200101 - SHSRD78864U258876 Date of Manufacture TBD

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Total number of potentially affected vehicles: see below for population updates.

<u>Previous Population</u>	<u>New/Current Population</u>
3,193,762	3,399,384

573.6(c)(4)

Percentage of affected vehicles that contain the defect: Unknown

Description of the basis for the determination of the recall population:

The initial recall population was determined based on manufacturing records. According to the safety-defect determination set forth in Takata's December 15, 2015 equipment defect notification, the VIN range reflects the vehicles that could potentially experience the problem.

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Defect description:

According to the amended equipment defect notification (15E-043) filed by Takata, the propellant wafers in some of the subject inflators may experience an alteration over time, which could potentially lead to over-aggressive combustion in the event of an air bag deployment. Depending on the circumstances, this potential condition could create excessive internal pressure when the airbag is deployed, which could result in the body of the inflator rupturing upon deployment. Based upon Takata's investigation to date, the potential for such ruptures may occur in some of the subject inflators after several years of exposure to persistent conditions of high absolute humidity. In addition, Takata's test results indicate that even with identical inflator designs, the likelihood of a potential rupture is greater in certain vehicle models, including the model identified above, due to factors that have not yet been identified. To date, AHM has not been provided with, and is not aware of, the basis for such a contention. The potential for rupture may also be influenced by other factors, including manufacturing variability.

573.6(c)(2)(iv)

Identification of affected component:

Component:	Front Passenger Airbag Inflator
Country of Origin:	USA
Manufacturer:	T.K. Holdings, Inc.
Contact Name	Kazuo Higuchi
Address:	888 16 th Street NW, Suite 800, Washington, DC 20006
Telephone No.:	(202) 729-6332

573.6(c)(6)

Chronology:

December 15, 2015

Takata submitted an amendment to equipment defect notification (15E-043) to NHTSA that identified a safety-related defect in the subject passenger frontal airbag inflators. A copy of Takata's notification was received by Honda on December 15, 2015

December 17, 2015

Based on the determination by Takata that a safety-related defect exists in the subject inflators, as set forth in the amended equipment defect notification (15E-043) filed by Takata on December 15, 2015, Honda decided to conduct a safety recall for the 2003-2004 model year Honda CR-V. All 2002 model year CR-Vs are included in the previous population of 15V-370.

573.6(c)(8)(i)

Program for remedying the defect:

Owners of all affected vehicles will be contacted by mail and asked to take their vehicle to an authorized Honda or Acura automobile dealer. The dealer will replace the passenger frontal airbag inflator, free of charge.

573.6(c)(8)(ii)

The estimated date for dealer notification:	12-18-2015
The estimated date to begin sending notifications to owners:	1-29-2016
The estimated date of completion of the notification:	1-29-2016

573.6(c)(11)

Manufacturer's campaign number: JU6