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## **State Transportation and Safety Agencies Warn that Many At-risk Airbag Inflators Remain on Cars in California**

California State departments that oversee vehicle and driver safety are warning that owners of tens of thousands of vehicles, particularly Hondas and Acuras, may not have received or have overlooked the recall notices urging replacement of potentially deadly Takata airbag inflators. Recall repairs are free of charge to all vehicle owners.

The California Office of Traffic Safety, California Highway Patrol, California Department of Motor Vehicles and Bureau of Automotive Repair are working together to urge Californians who own certain 2001-2003 Honda and Acura vehicles to immediately take their cars to an authorized dealer for repair of potentially deadly Takata airbag inflators.

Recall notices have already been sent to registered owners of affected vehicles, but who have not yet taken action on the required recall repair. These vehicles are at high risk of an airbag inflator rupture. When a recalled airbag inflator ruptures, pieces of metal could shoot through the airbag cushion and hit the driver or passengers, resulting in serious injuries or deaths.

While all areas of the state are affected, portions of certain counties have the greatest concentrations of recalled vehicles with owners who have not been heard from. These include east and south Bay Area regions, northern Monterey County, the Central Valley, northern and central Los Angeles County, western Riverside and San Bernardino counties, and San Diego County along the border. However, not being in one of these areas does not mean your airbag is safe.

The following are the 2001-2003 Honda/Acura vehicles that may be equipped with recalled Takata driver airbag inflators, and are the subject of this State call to action:

- 2001-2002 Honda Accord
- 2001-2002 Honda Civic
- 2002 Honda CR-V
- 2002 Honda Odyssey
- 2003 Honda Pilot
- 2002-2003 Acura 3.2TL
- 2003 Acura 3.2CL

Honda and Acura owners should check for recalls by locating their vehicle identification number (VIN) – found in the top left corner of the vehicle’s dashboard through the windshield – and enter the number into the VIN check on [www.recalls.honda.com](http://www.recalls.honda.com), [www.recalls.acura.com](http://www.recalls.acura.com) or [www.safercar.gov](http://www.safercar.gov).

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Honda/Acura urges affected drivers to immediately call 1-888-234-2138 for repair information. The U.S. Department of Transportation recommends that these vehicles only be driven to an authorized dealer in order to have the Takata airbag inflators replaced as rapidly as possible. To search for an authorized dealer, consumers can visit [www.recalls.honda.com](http://www.recalls.honda.com) or [www.recalls.acura.com](http://www.recalls.acura.com) depending on the make of their vehicle.

Consumers also can find answers to general questions about the Takata airbag inflator recalls, including about the higher risk inflators in these vehicles, at the following site: <http://hondaairbaginfo.com/faq/>. Any concerned customer can also contact Honda/Acura's Automobile Customer Service at 888-234-2138.

The replacement of the Takata airbag inflator is free of charge for all customers. Customers are not obligated to have unrelated maintenance or other vehicle issues fixed at the same time as the recall repair. Honda/Acura will provide a loaner car, if necessary, while a customer's car is being repaired and a Honda/Acura dealer can also arrange to tow a vehicle to and from the desired location at no cost.

**For press use:**

High resolution photographs of these specific models, including current images of the 2002 Civic and 2001 Accord at a Honda Service Center, are available for download by media here:

<http://www.hondanews.com/channels/psdi-recall-models/photos>