

Warning: Vehicle Air Bag Recall

February 3, 2023 – **Honda** has issued a “Do Not Drive” warning today for certain 2001-2003 Acura and Honda vehicles equipped with unrepaired Takata Alpha driver side air bag inflators. If you own one of these vehicles and still have an open Takata air bag recall, **do not drive it until this urgent, lifesaving recall has been completed.** Replacement parts are available now for free for this recall.

November 3, 2022 – **Fiat Chrysler Automobiles** issued a “Do Not Drive” warning for roughly 276,000 model year 2005 - 2010 Dodge Magnums, Chargers, and Challengers, as well as MY 2005-2010 Chrysler 300s. The warning comes after two people died in separate crashes involving 2010 Dodge Chargers where the Takata driver’s side air bags exploded.

Vehicle owners are warned to take note of three major recalls affecting 65-70 million vehicles made under at least 33 different auto brands. The recall affects driver and passenger frontal air bags made by parts supplier Takata and installed in cars from model year 2001 through 2016.

In rare cases, air bags have deployed explosively, causing the air bag housing to rupture and releasing metal fragments into the vehicle. At least 22 deaths and more than 220 injuries have been linked to the problem, including, in Maryland, a driver injured in an '04 Honda Odyssey that had been repaired in '15. Moreover, more than 62,000 of the air bags most likely to spew shrapnel are in older vehicles still on the road. Ford and Mazda have issued “Do Not Drive” warnings about '06 Ranger and B-series trucks. Honda is even making home visits to owners of older models with the most risky air bags.

Safety experts emphasize that these incidents are very rare, and that overall, air bags continue to offer very safe and effective protection, saving an estimated 37,000 lives between 1987 and 2012. However, vehicle owners, including those with repaired Hondas, are urged to check if their vehicle is affected. Owners should:

- Call the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Safety Hotline (NHTSA) on 1- 888/327-4236 or check the website (<https://www.nhtsa.gov/recalls>).
- Search the NHTSA database (<https://vinrcl.safercar.gov/vin/>) using their Vehicle Identification Number (VIN), usually listed on the vehicle registration card and the left side of the vehicle windshield.
- Contact the vehicle manufacturer directly.

To date, this recall is still developing, and vehicles affected are still being added to the list. Vehicle owners are urged to check periodically to see if their vehicle has been included in the recall.

Manufacturers affected to date include:

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| • Acura | • Fiat | • Jeep | • Mitsubishi |
| • Audi/VW | • Fisker | • Land Rover | • Nissan |
| • BMW | • Ford | • Lexus | • Pontiac |
| • Cadillac | • GMC | • Lincoln | • Saab |
| • Chevrolet | • Honda | • Mazda | • Saturn |
| • Chrysler | • Honda Goldwing
motorcycles | • McLaren | • Scion |
| • Daimler | • Infiniti | • Mercedes-Benz | • Subaru |
| • Dodge/Ram | • Jaguar | • Mercury | • Tesla |
| • Ferrari | | | • Toyota |

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Child Passenger Safety Technicians and other professionals and community advocates are urged to distribute this flyer to families using vehicles made by these manufacturers and warn them to check on their vehicles and if affected, take them in for air bag replacement.

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