

Consumer Alert: Honda Upgrades Takata Alpha Recall to “Do Not Drive” Warning, Targeting Older, Most Dangerous Air Bags

8,200 Acura and Honda vehicles remain on the roads with a 50% risk of rupture

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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. Check your vehicle for recalls [here](#).

These vehicles are 20 to 22 years old now, and the risk to vehicle occupants is dire. Alpha air bags are some of the oldest under recall, and they have a 50% failure rate. If the inflators rupture, the metal fragments ejected toward the driver’s face could kill or leave them with devastating, life-altering injuries.

“If you have a vehicle with a recalled Takata Alpha air bag, you must get it repaired now – for free. These inflators are two decades old now, and they pose a 50% chance of rupturing in even a minor crash. Don’t gamble with your life or the life of someone you love – schedule your free repair today before it’s too late,” said NHTSA Acting Administrator Ann Carlson.

Replacement parts are available now for free for this recall. NHTSA urges vehicle owners to immediately check to see if their vehicle has an open Takata air bag recall. If it does, owners need to contact their dealership or Acura/Honda customer service to schedule a FREE repair as soon as possible, as well as free towing or mobile repair. Free loaner and rental vehicles are also available, if needed.

Approximately 8,200 Honda and Acura vehicles with the most dangerous air bags are still being driven today. Honda has replaced or accounted for more than 99% of Alpha inflators, but it is absolutely critical that these remaining vehicle owners act now to protect themselves and their loved ones.

Models with Alpha air bags include:

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

Acura/Honda Customer Service can be reached at [888-234-2138](tel:888-234-2138) or by visiting their [Takata website](#).

For more information on the Takata air bag safety recall, please click [here](#).

How to Check for Recalls

- Use NHTSA's [Recalls Lookup Tool](#) to check your Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) for any open safety recalls, including the urgent Takata recall.
- Download our [SaferCar app](#) and let it check automatically for you.
- If your vehicle does have a safety recall, call your automaker's local dealer to schedule the free recall repair.
- Sign up at [NHTSA.gov/Alerts](https://www.nhtsa.gov/alerts) to be notified by email if your vehicle is affected by a future recall.

If you think your vehicle may have a safety defect that isn't part of a current recall, contact NHTSA online or by calling the agency's Vehicle Safety Hotline at [888-327-4236](tel:888-327-4236), Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern time. For more information, visit [NHTSA.gov/Recalls](https://www.nhtsa.gov/recalls).

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