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**DLCA CONSUMER TAKATA RECALL UPDATE: HONDA INFLATOR  
REPLACEMENT BAGS**

The Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs (DLCA) promotes information on American Honda Motor Company's inflator repair-a-thon to be hosted September 8-10 and September 15-17 at participating Honda dealers. The DLCA Commissioner Devin Carrington stated,

**What are other dealer doing and how is DLCA putting pressure on other dealers?**

"Many makes and models are being affected by airbag recalls, whether it be a component or an entire system. The community is in need of more support through initiatives like that taken by Honda."

**Honda/Acura Repair-A-Thon Details**

Location: Hendricks International  
(340) 718-8370  
14 La Grande Princesse  
Christiansted, U.S.V.I.  
Date: September 8-10, 2016

Location: John's Auto  
(340) 774-8740  
Fort Christian Parking Lot  
St. Thomas, U.S.V.I.  
Date: September 15-17, 2016

Honda recently released a statement after being informed by the National Highway and Transportation Safety Administrations (NHTSA) that analysis by Takata of PSDI front driver airbag inflators – so-called "Alpha" inflators – removed from recalled 2001-2003 Honda and Acura vehicles in the state of Florida in the last few months and returned to Takata has revealed a very high rupture rate in laboratory testing.

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Based on this analysis, Honda concurs with the Secretary of Transportation's recommendation that this particular sub-group of 313,000 "Alpha" vehicles should only be driven to a dealer in order to have their Takata airbag inflators replaced as rapidly as possible. There is an abundant supply of replacement inflators and the repair is free of charge and can be completed quickly. The inflators involved in this laboratory testing had been subject to recall by Honda since between 2008 and 2011, but had never been replaced by the vehicle owner under those actions (Original NHTSA recalls 08V-593, 09V-259, 10V-041 and 11V-260).

With between 14 to 16 years of operation in vehicles, these recalled inflators have also been subject to potential degradation of the ammonium nitrate inflator propellant caused by the factors of age, high temperature and high humidity. Recently, NHTSA identified through independent testing that these factors can lead to over-pressurization of the inflator if it deploys during a crash. Consumers are asked to find more information by visiting [safecar.gov/vin](http://safecar.gov/vin).

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