



Applies To: **2001 Civic 4-door** – From VIN 2HGES....1H615287 thru 2HGES....1H617435
2002 Civic 4-door – From VIN 2HGES....2H508286 thru 2HGES....2H510382

October 22, 2001

Safety Recall: Civic Air Cleaner Housing

BACKGROUND

During the assembly process, the plastic cover for the air cleaner assembly may have been damaged. If a broken plastic piece becomes loose inside the intake chamber and lodges in the throttle body, it could result in a partially open throttle condition, and a crash could occur.

CUSTOMER NOTIFICATION

All owners of affected vehicles will be mailed a notification of this recall.

Some vehicles affected by this recall are still in dealer inventory. **According to Federal law, those vehicles cannot be sold or leased until they are repaired.**

NOTE: Not all of the vehicles in the listed VIN range are affected by this campaign. Before beginning work, verify that the vehicle is eligible by checking at least one of the following.

- The customer has a notification letter.
- The vehicle is shown on your campaign responsibility report.
- The vehicle is shown as eligible on a VIN Status Inquiry on DCS.

CORRECTIVE ACTION

Inspect the air cleaner housing cover for a cracked or broken brace. If necessary, replace the air cleaner housing cover.

PARTS INFORMATION

Air Cleaner Housing Cover:
P/N 17211-PLC-000, H/C 6451215

Intake Manifold O-ring (4 required):
P/N 17105-PMR-A01, H/C 6451165

WARRANTY CLAIM INFORMATION

OP#	Description	FRT	Template ID
122536	Inspect air cleaner housing cover, center-punch VIN	0.2	01-095A
122117	Inspect and replace air cleaner housing cover, center-punch VIN	0.2	01-095B
122118	Remove the intake manifold to inspect, replace the air cleaner housing cover, center-punch VIN	1.2	01-095C

Failed Part: P/N 17211-PLC-000
H/C 6451215

Defect Code: 5AK

Contention Code: L41

Skill Level: Repair Technician

REPAIR PROCEDURE

1. Remove the air cleaner housing cover (7 bolts).

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CUSTOMER INFORMATION: The information in this bulletin is intended for use only by skilled technicians who have the proper tools, equipment, and training to correctly and safely maintain your vehicle. These procedures should not be attempted by "do-it-yourselfers," and you should not assume this bulletin applies to your vehicle, or that your vehicle has the condition described. To determine whether this information applies, contact an authorized Honda automobile dealer.

Example of Customer Letter

June 2001

Safety Recall: Civic Air Cleaner Housing

Dear Civic Owner:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

What is the reason for this notice?

Honda Motor Co., Ltd. has determined that a defect relating to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2001 and 2002 model year Civic sedans. During the assembly process, the air cleaner assembly may have been damaged, and a broken plastic piece could travel into the intake chamber. If the plastic piece lodges in the throttle body, the throttle could stick in a partially open position. Although the driver can always stop the car by applying additional brake force, or by taking other actions (e.g., shift into neutral, turn off the ignition key, etc.), if the vehicle continues to maintain speed when the driver is expecting it to slow, a crash could occur.

What should you do?

Call any authorized Honda automobile dealer and make an appointment to have your vehicle inspected. The dealer will inspect the air cleaner assembly for damage. If damage is found, the dealer will locate and remove the broken plastic piece, and replace the air cleaner cover. *This repair will be done free of charge.* Please plan to leave your car for at least half a day to allow the dealer flexibility in scheduling.

Who to contact if you experience problems.

If you are not satisfied with the service you receive from your Honda dealer, you may write to:

American Honda Motor Co., Inc.
Honda Automobile Customer Service
Mail Stop 500-2N-7D
1919 Torrance Blvd.
Torrance, CA 90501-2746

If you believe that American Honda or the dealer has failed or is unable to remedy the defect in your car, without charge, within a reasonable period of time (60 days from the date you first contact the dealer for a repair appointment), you may submit a complaint to:

Administrator
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh St., SW
Washington, DC 20590

Or call the toll-free Auto Safety Hotline at (888) 327-4236.

What to do if you feel this notice is in error.

Our records show that you are the current owner or lessee of a 2001-02 Civic involved in this recall. If this is not the case, or the name/address information is not correct, please fill out and return the enclosed, postage-paid *Information Change Card*. We will then update our records.

If you have questions.

If you have any questions about this notice, or need assistance with contacting a Honda dealer, please call Honda Automobile Customer Service at (800) 999-1009.

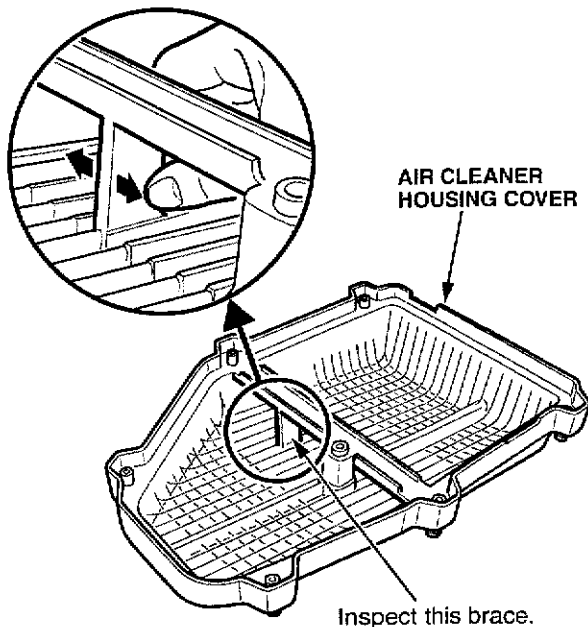
We apologize for any inconvenience this campaign may cause you.

Sincerely,

American Honda Motor Co., Inc.
Honda Automobile Division

2. Inspect the plastic brace between the case and the crossbar. Try to flex it back and forth, and look for any cracks or missing pieces.

- If the brace is not damaged, reinstall the air cleaner housing cover, then go to step 14.
- If the brace is cracked or broken, but you find *all* of the missing pieces in the air cleaner housing, remove the pieces and install a new cover. Then go to step 14.
- If the brace is broken and you cannot locate *all* of the missing pieces, go to step 3.



3. Remove the air cleaner housing and the resonator.
4. Remove the oil filter.
5. Remove the throttle body and intake manifold as a unit. Refer to page 9-2 of the 2001-02 Civic Service Manual.
6. Shake the intake manifold and listen for plastic pieces rattling in the runners. Remove any pieces.
7. Inspect the intake ports in the cylinder head. Clean them out, if necessary, then go to step 8 (there is no need to inspect further).
8. Reinstall the intake manifold with new O-rings.
9. Install a new oil filter.
10. Reinstall the resonator and air cleaner housing.
11. Install the new air cleaner housing cover.
12. Check the coolant level in the radiator. Refill with Honda Coolant Type 2, and bleed the system.
13. Run the engine, then check the oil level. Refill as necessary.
14. Center-punch a completion mark above the first character of the engine compartment VIN.

Center-punch here.
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