
System Service

Your Supplemental Restraint System is virtually maintenance-free. There are no parts you can safely service.

You must have the system serviced by an authorized Honda dealer in the following situations:

- **If your airbag ever inflates.** The bag must be replaced. Do not try to remove or discard the airbag by yourself. This must be done by a Honda dealer.
- **If the SRS indicator light alerts you of a problem.** Have the supplemental restraint system checked as soon as possible. Otherwise, your airbag might not inflate when you need it.
- **When the car is ten years old.** Get the system inspected. The production date is on the left rear door jamb for your convenience.

System Service Precautions

Do not modify your steering wheel or any other part of the supplemental restraint system. Modifications could make the system ineffective.

Do not tamper with the system components or wiring. This could cause the airbag to inflate inadvertently, possibly injuring someone very seriously.

Tell anyone who works on your car that you have a supplemental restraint system. Failure to follow the procedures and precautions in the official Honda service manual could result in personal injury or damage to the system.

Scrapping an entire car that has an uninflated airbag can be dangerous. Get assistance from a Honda dealer if your car must be scrapped.

If you sell your car, please be sure to tell the new owner that the car has a supplemental restraint system. Alert them to the information and precautions in this part of the owner's manual.

Additional Safety Information

Your seat belts and airbag are obviously important parts of your occupant protection system.

In addition, you should know that sitting upright, adjusting the head restraints to the proper positions, locking the doors, and stowing things properly can increase your safety and possibly even save your life.

Seat-back Position

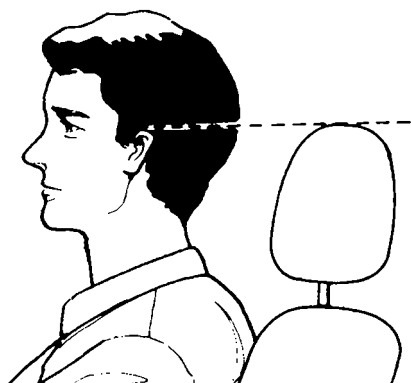
The seat-backs should be in an upright position for you and your passengers to get the most protection from the seat belts.

If you recline a seat-back, you reduce the protective capability of your seat belt. The farther a seat-back is reclined, the greater the risk that you will slide under the belt in a severe crash and be very seriously injured.

For information on how to adjust the seat-back, see page [6](#).

Head Restraint Position

Head restraints can help protect you from whiplash and other injuries. For the best protection, the top of the head rest should be even with the top of your ears, or as high as possible. For instructions on how to adjust the head restraints, see page [7](#).



Door Locks

It is not safe to leave your car doors unlocked. A passenger, especially a child, could open a door accidentally and fall out. Also, there is a greater chance of being thrown out of the car during a crash when the doors are not locked.

Storing Cargo Safely

Before you drive, make sure you first securely store or tie down any items that could be thrown around the car and hurt someone, or interfere with your ability to operate the controls.

Do not put any items on top of the rear shelf. They can block your view and they could be thrown about the car in a crash.

Be sure to keep compartment doors closed when the car is moving. If a front passenger hits the door of an open glove box, for example, they could injure their knees.

Additional Safety Information (cont'd)

Driving With Pets

Loose pets can be a hazard while you are driving. A loose pet can interfere with your ability to drive the car. In a crash or sudden stop, loose pets or cages can be thrown around inside the car and hurt you or your passengers. It is also for their safety that pets should be properly restrained in your car.

The recommended way to restrain a medium-sized or larger dog is with a special traveling harness. This harness can be secured to the rear seat with a seat belt. Travel harnesses are available at pet stores.

A small dog, cat, or other small animal will be safest in a rigid-sided pet carrier. Choose a style that allows you to secure it to the car's seat by routing a seat belt through the carrier's handle.

For further information, contact your veterinarian or local animal protection society.

Child Safety

Children depend on adults to protect them. To help make sure we do, every state and Canadian province has laws requiring infants and young children to be properly restrained whenever they ride in a car.

⚠ WARNING

An infant or child who is not properly restrained can be killed or seriously injured in a crash.

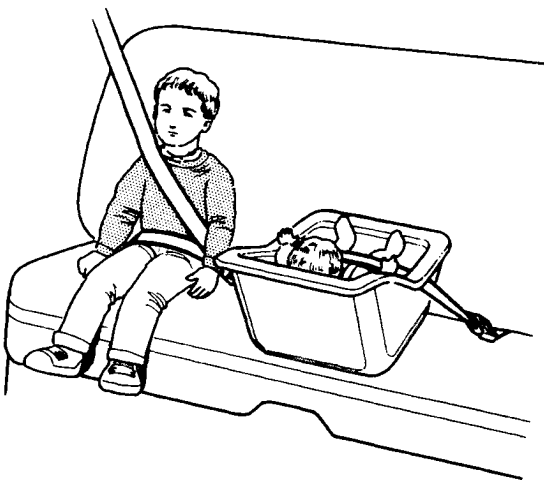
Be sure any child too small for seat belts is properly secured in a child restraint.

Where Should Children Sit?

According to crash statistics, children of all sizes and ages are safer when they are properly restrained in the rear seat rather than the front seat.

We recommend that, whenever possible, you secure your child's infant or toddler seat in the center position of the rear seat with the lap belt.

We also recommend that any child who is too large to use an infant or toddler seat ride in one of the outside positions of the rear seat. The child should then wear the lap/shoulder belt properly for protection.



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