Your Honda is equipped with a Supplemental Restraint System (SRS) to help protect your head and chest during a severe frontal collision. *This system does not replace your seat belt.* It supplements, or adds to, the protection offered by your seat belt.

**WARNING**

Not wearing a seat belt increases the chance of serious injury or death in a crash, even if you have an airbag.

Be sure you and your passengers always wear seat belts and wear them properly.

The main components in your SRS are:

- One airbag in the steering wheel for the driver and another in the dashboard for the passenger.

- A diagnostic system that, when the ignition is ON (II), continually monitors the sensors, control unit, airbag activator, and all related wiring.

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- An indicator light to warn you of a possible problem with the system.

- Emergency power backup in case your car’s electrical system is disconnected in a crash.

**Important Safety Reminder**

An airbag inflates and deflates very quickly. It cannot protect you during any additional impacts that can occur during a crash.

- A seat belt helps keep you in the proper position when an airbag inflates. An airbag opens with considerable force and can hurt you if you are not in the proper position.

Even with an airbag, you need to wear a seat belt. The reasons are:

- Airbags only inflate in severe frontal collisions. They offer no protection in rear impacts, side impacts, rollovers, or moderate frontal collisions.
How the Driver's Airbag Works

If you ever have a severe frontal collision, your airbag will instantly inflate to help protect your head and chest.

When the airbag inflates, you may hear a fairly loud noise and you might see smoke or powder. This is normal; it is caused by the inflation of the airbag.

To do its job, the airbag inflates with considerable force. So, while it can reduce serious injuries and even save your life, the airbag might cause some facial abrasions or other injuries. For this reason, you should always sit as far back from the steering wheel as comfortable while still maintaining control.

After the bag completely inflates, it immediately starts deflating so it won't interfere with your visibility, ability to steer, or ability to operate other controls. The total time for inflation and deflation takes less than a fraction of a second. You may not even be aware that the airbag has been fully inflated.

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The airbag is stored in the center of the steering wheel. For your safety, do not attach any items to the steering wheel. They could interfere with the proper operation of the airbag. Or, if the airbag inflates, they could be propelled inside the car and hurt someone.

How the Passenger's Airbag Works

If you ever have a severe frontal collision, the passenger's airbag will inflate at the same time as the driver's airbag.

This airbag is quite large and inflates with considerable force. It can seriously hurt a front seat passenger who is not in the proper position and wearing the seat belt properly. Front seat passengers should move the seat as far back as practical and sit well back in the seat.

Because of the airbag, we strongly recommend that you do not put an infant seat in the front passenger's seat. If the airbag inflates, it can dislodge the infant seat and seriously injure the infant.

If a toddler seat is used in the front passenger's seat, the vehicle seat should be moved as far back as possible. If the passenger's bag inflates, it could seriously hurt a toddler who is not in the proper position or properly restrained.
The passenger's airbag is stored near the top of the dashboard, under a lid marked SRS. Do not place any objects on top of this lid. If the airbag inflates, those objects can be propelled inside the car and possibly hurt someone.

**How the SRS Indicator Light Works**
The purpose of the SRS light on your instrument panel is to alert you of a potential problem with your supplemental restraint system.

Have the system checked if:

- The light does not come on when you turn the ignition ON (II).
- The light stays on after the engine starts.
- The light comes on or flashes while you are driving.

**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:

- If your airbag ever inflates. The airbag 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, the airbags might not inflate when you need it.
- When the car is ten years old. Have the dealer inspect the system. The production date is on the driver's door jamb for your convenience.
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**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's components or wiring. This could cause the airbags 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.