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# AHM Position Statement Update: Post-Collision Diagnostic Scan and Calibration Requirements For Honda and Acura

In July of this year, American Honda updated the language within the Position Statement regarding Post-Collision Diagnostic Scan and Calibration Requirements. This revised language specifies the **requirement** over "recommendation" of Post-Collision Diagnostics when repairing Honda and Acura vehicles.

This revision is intended to mandate that repairers conform to Honda's established standards throughout all phases of the process. By removing interpretive variability, the initiative maintains alignment with the evolving technical demands of modern vehicle systems.

The update to the Position Statement also identifies that the use of the i-HDS software is the only way to perform a proper OEM Diagnostic Scan for Honda and Acura vehicles. This verbiage is to eliminate any assumptions that other aftermarket diagnostic software within the market is compatible with i-HDS.

The final update to the Position Statement includes a comprehensive matrix of ADAS systems that require inspection, calibration, and/or aiming following a collision or other body repairs. The matrix details each system's name, abbreviation, and description.

To review the full Position Statement, please visit the [Honda Service Information System](#). Note: this specific Position Statement is accessible at the home page of the site through "Collision Repair Information & Industry Position Statements" at the left of the page.

## American Honda Position Statement

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Issued: July, 2025

#### SUBJECT: POST-COLLISION DIAGNOSTIC SCAN AND CALIBRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR HONDA AND ACURA VEHICLES

It is the position of American Honda that all vehicles involved in a collision must have the following minimum diagnostic scans, inspections, and/or calibrations done to avoid improper repair:

- A preliminary diagnostic scan during the repair estimation phase to determine what diagnostic trouble codes (DTCs) may be present, so proper repair may be included. (See "Background on Scan Requirements".)
- A post-repair diagnostic scan to confirm that no DTCs remain. Any repair that requires disconnection of electrical components in order to perform the repair will require a post-repair diagnostic scan to confirm the repair was performed properly and functioning. Damage that requires the replacement of body parts always will require a post-repair diagnostic scan.
- Some safety and driver assistive systems will require inspections, calibration, and/or aiming after collision or other body repairs. (See "Inspection/Calibration/Aiming Requirements" on page 2 for additional information.)

#### Background on Scan Requirements

Honda and Acura vehicles include numerous electronic control systems, including those that operate safety and driver assistive systems. These systems include onboard self-diagnosis that monitor the state of health and/or rationality of input and output circuits.

When monitored circuit values fall outside predetermined thresholds, DTCs may be set in one or more electronic control units (ECUs).

The mechanical forces encountered in a collision can damage electrical circuits and components in ways that are not easily diagnosed with visual inspection methods.

There are some other electronic control system self-diagnostic facts:

- The proliferation of electronic control systems has increased the number of potential DTCs beyond what a dashboard indicator can be installed and/or illuminated for every DTC. Dashboard indicators are intended for driver notification, not vehicle diagnosis.
- Therefore, the presence or absence of dashboard indicators/warning lights is not an acceptable method to determine if post collision diagnostic scans are necessary.

\*Refers to any model year Honda or Acura vehicle that is equipped with a diagnostic port from which DTCs can be retrieved with a physically connected tool. This includes: all 1990 and current model year vehicles, certain 1994 to 1995 model year vehicles that contain a 3 pin OBD2 connector, and certain 1992-1995 model year vehicles that contain a 3 pin diagnostic connector.

†A collision is defined as damage that exceeds minor outer panel cosmetic distortion.

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## In the Toolbox: Seat Sensor Calibration Weight

The Seat Sensor Calibration Weight is now available through the Honda Tool and Equipment Program website. The weighted bag is available in two color configurations:

- Black Bag with Orange Handle
- Orange Bag with Black Handle

This weighted bag's primary use is during the procedure titled "Front Passenger's Weight Sensor Output Check After a Vehicle Collision", as well as other similar procedures involving the Front Passenger Weight Sensor within the Honda Service Information System.



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# New Model Reveal: 2026 Honda Prelude

The highly-anticipated 2026 Honda Prelude made its North American debut today. The new sports coupe will advance the “joy of driving” for a new generation of buyers, as the first model to pair the award-winning Honda two-motor hybrid-electric powertrain with the high-performance chassis hardware of the iconic Civic Type R. Prelude will offer precise steering, responsive handling and fun-to-drive feel to deliver an engaging grand touring experience, while remaining comfortable for everyday driving. The 2026 Prelude is set to arrive at Honda dealerships nationwide this late fall.

The first-ever electrified Prelude features Honda’s two-motor hybrid system, pairing dual electric motors with a 2.0-liter Atkinson-cycle engine to deliver 200 horsepower, 232 lb.-ft. of torque, quick acceleration, and exceptional efficiency.

The new Honda S+ Shift system gives the Prelude a responsive, engaging drive with simulated gear shifts, rev-matched downshifts in S+ mode, and enhanced engine sound for greater driver connection.



To read the entire press release,  
click the link: [2026 Honda Prelude Revealed](#)

## The new 2026 Honda Prelude will feature the following standard equipment

- New Honda S+ Shift system
- Leather-trimmed front sport seats with perforated houndstooth pattern, integrated head restraints and three-way heating
- Brembo™ four-piston aluminum front calipers, finished in unique Prelude Blue
- Dual-axis strut front suspension w/ Adaptive Dampers
- Leather-wrapped flat-bottom steering wheel with alloy shift paddles
- 8-speaker Bose Centerpoint premium sound system
- Honda Sensing® suite of safety and driver-assistive technologies
- Post-Collision Braking System (PCB)
- Blind spot information with Rear Cross Traffic Alert



## Replacement Part Customer Disclosure Notice

Effective January 1st, all Honda and Acura Certified Collision Centers must review and complete the Replacement Part Customer Disclosure Notice with customers during vehicle drop-off. The completed form must be kept either electronically or physically in the Repair Order file. Please note that proper completion and retention of this form will be subject to audits during future recertification processes.

Within the collision industry, different types of parts within the market may be available to be used on customer vehicles during repairs. American Honda understands the importance of ensuring the vehicle owner is aware of what types of parts exist within the market that may be used as part of the repairs to their vehicle.

Take the time to thoroughly review the document, as it contains vital information that will empower you to engage in meaningful conversations with customers. Your understanding is key to providing them with the best possible experience. Should you have any questions or require any further clarification, please contact the Wholesale Market Supervisor (WMS) for your region.

## Consumer Facing E-mail Blast

In September of this year, American Honda launched a nationwide email campaign that reached over 5 million Honda & Acura vehicle owners. This quarterly initiative is designed to educate consumers on the importance of choosing OEM-certified collision centers for repairs, emphasizing safety, quality, and the use of genuine parts.

The email highlighted the benefits of OEM certification, including factory-trained technicians, adherence to manufacturer repair standards, and the use of original equipment parts.

This campaign is expected to increase consumer traffic and inquiries at certified centers across the network.



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Thank you for your unwavering dedication to quality and for playing a key role in the success of our certified network!

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