

Honda to recall some 2012 Civics

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Honda Motor Co. said it would recall about 50,000 of its 2012 Civic passenger cars in the U.S. to inspect the left drive shaft.

The automaker said the driver's side drive shaft in some Civics might not have been properly assembled, potentially allowing it to separate from a joint while the car is being operated.

If that happened, the engine would no longer propel the vehicle in any gear, and the vehicle might roll away if the parking brake has not been set when the gear selector has been placed in the park position, increasing the risk of a crash or personal injury, Honda said.

No crashes or injuries related to the issue have been reported.

Although it has received mixed reviews from the



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THE 2012 HONDA CIVIC is one of the bestselling cars in America, despite receiving mixed reviews.

automotive media and was panned by Consumer Reports, the 2012 Civic remains one of the bestselling cars in America. It ranked second in May, when Honda sold 33,490 Civics. Toyota's Camry was the top-selling passenger car last month at 39,571 units.

Honda has said it plans upgrades for the 2013 Civic

that address some of the comments of critics, who observed that previous generation Civics had what the reviewers opined were better-appointed interiors.

Honda will notify customers of the recall by mail late this month.

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