

## General Warranty Provisions

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The warranty coverages in this booklet are offered only to the owner of a 1998 Honda automobile. To be covered, the vehicle must be distributed by American Honda through the Honda Automobile Division, and sold by a Honda automobile dealer in the United States, Puerto Rico, or the U.S. Virgin Islands.

*NOTE: American Honda does not distribute the 1998 Passport Sport Utility Vehicle in Puerto Rico or the U.S. Virgin Islands. Therefore, these warranty coverages do not apply to any 1998 Passport that is registered or normally driven in those areas.*

Parts replaced under any of the warranties in this booklet become the property of Honda. Honda will make the final decision whether to repair any existing part or assembly or replace it.

Honda may use factory-remanufactured parts rather than new

parts for some warranty repairs. Those parts, like new parts, are covered for the remainder of the New Car Limited Warranty (see page 13).

The warranties in this booklet do not cover:

- The failure of any part or accessory due to:
  - Abuse, misuse, accidental damage, or acts of God.
  - Improper installation or maintenance.
  - A low fluid level or the use of a fluid other than specified by Honda.
  - The installation of any part that is not equal to the original in quality of materials or workmanship.
  - Use of the vehicle in competition or racing events.
- Any installed part or accessory that fails because it was not designed to fit that year and model of Honda.

- Any vehicle with an odometer that has been altered so it is impossible to determine the actual mileage.
- Any vehicle while it is registered or normally driven outside the United States, Puerto Rico, or the U.S. Virgin Islands.
- Any failure caused by modifying the vehicle, or installing accessories not authorized by Honda.
- Any incidental expenses or inconvenience you may suffer due to the loss of use of your vehicle.
- Any vehicle that has ever been declared a total loss or sold for salvage by a financial institution or insurer, or that has been issued a "salvage" or similar title under any state's law. This exclusion does not apply to the Emissions Warranties, the Seat Belt Limited Warranty, the Replacement Parts Limited Warranty, or any recalls or other campaigns.

### Time and Mileage Period

This warranty begins on the date the vehicle is put into use in one of the following ways:

- The vehicle is delivered to the first purchaser by a Honda dealer.
- The vehicle is leased.
- The vehicle is used as a demonstrator or company vehicle.

Your vehicle is covered for 3 years or 36,000 miles, whichever comes first.

### Warranty Coverage

Honda will repair or replace any part that is defective in material or workmanship under normal use. See **Proper Operation** on page 42. All repairs/replacements made under this warranty are free of charge. The

replaced or repaired parts are covered only until this New Car Warranty expires.

### This Warranty Does Not Cover:

- Emissions control systems, Accessories, Battery, or Tires. (They have their own warranties.)
- Normal wear or deterioration of any part.
- Cleaning and polishing.
- The adding of any fluids, unless they are needed as part of a warranty repair.
- Air conditioner refrigerant charge after the first year, unless required as part of a warranty repair.

- Broken, chipped, or scratched window glass unless it is due to a defect in material or workmanship.
- Any item concerning your vehicle's general appearance that is not due to a defect in material or workmanship.
- The replacement of expendable maintenance items (such as spark plugs, filters, wiper blades, or brake pads/linings) unless they are defective in material or workmanship.
- Wheel balancing and wheel alignment after 1 year or 12,000 miles, unless required as part of a warranty repair.

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*California and Massachusetts residents should also refer to the California Emissions Warranties on page 21.*

## Your Warranty Rights and Obligations

The Federal Emissions-related Defects and Emissions Performance warranties are in addition to the Honda New Car Limited Warranty. These warranties are given only to the owner of a 1998 Honda distributed by American Honda through the Honda Automobile Division, and sold by an authorized Honda dealer in the fifty United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

If an authorized Honda automobile dealer cannot repair your vehicle or honor your claim within a reasonable period of time, contact the Honda Customer Relations Zone Office for assistance (see inside front cover), or you may write to:

Manager, Vehicle Program and Compliance Division (6405J)  
Environmental Protection Agency  
401 M Street S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20460  
(Attention: Warranty Claim)

## Your Responsibilities

To qualify for coverage by the Defects and Performance warranties, you should operate and maintain your 1998 Honda according to the requirements on page 40 of this warranty booklet, and the Maintenance Schedule in the

Owner's Manual. This schedule is designed to keep your vehicle's emissions control systems functioning properly by maintaining your vehicle in peak operating condition.

Honda will not deny a claim for emissions warranty coverage simply because you did not maintain the vehicle, or do not have maintenance records to show that you did. However, any part that fails because of abuse or lack of maintenance will not be covered by this warranty.

Honda recommends that only parts supplied by Honda or equivalent parts be used to repair your vehicle. **Maintenance, replacement, or repair of emissions control devices and systems may be done by any automotive repair establishment or individual.**

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Under normal circumstances, Honda will pay for warranty repairs only when they are performed at an authorized Honda repair facility. However, in an emergency situation, the repair of emissions control devices or systems may be done by any automotive repair establishment or individual, or by the owner, using any replacement part. An emergency situation is considered to exist if an authorized Honda repair facility or warranted part is not reasonably available to correct a problem.

Honda will reimburse you for those emergency repairs that are covered by the Emissions Warranties. Parts reimbursement is at the manufacturer's suggested retail price, and labor reimbursement is at a geographically-appropriate hourly labor rate for Honda's recommended

time allowance. For reimbursement, present the replaced parts and a copy of the paid receipt to any authorized Honda automobile dealer.

The use of replacement parts not equivalent to the original parts may impair the effectiveness of your vehicle's emissions control systems. If a non-equivalent replacement part is used in the maintenance or repair of your vehicle, *and* if an authorized Honda automobile dealer determines it is defective or causes a failure of a warranted part, your claim for repair to bring your vehicle into compliance with applicable standards may be denied. If the part in question is not related to the reason your vehicle fails to meet the standards, your claim will not be denied.

### These Warranties Do Not Cover:

- Failures or malfunctions of the emissions control systems caused by abuse, alteration, accident, misuse, or the use of leaded gasoline.
- Replacement of maintenance items such as, but not limited to, spark plugs, filters, hoses, belts, coolant or lubricants beyond their first required maintenance point.
- Consequential damages such as loss of time or use of the vehicle.

# Federal Emissions Warranties

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## Emissions-related Design and Defects Warranty

### Design and Defects Warranty Coverage

Honda warrants that your automobile:

1. is designed, built and equipped to conform at the time of sale with all applicable emissions standards, and
2. is free from defects in materials and workmanship that would cause it to fail to conform with applicable emissions requirements during the specified time and mileage period.

A partial list of the parts covered by this warranty is on pages [18-20](#). Several parts in the emissions control systems are covered for 8 years or 80,000 miles, whichever comes first. Those parts are identified by 8/80 on pages [18-20](#).

### Time and Mileage Period

This warranty begins on the date the vehicle is delivered to the first purchaser other than an authorized Honda dealer, or the date it is first used as a demonstrator, lease, or company vehicle, whichever comes first, and continues for 3 years or 36,000 miles, whichever comes first.

### To Get Emissions Warranty Service

Repairs covered by this warranty will be performed at no charge for parts, labor, and diagnosis.

An authorized Honda dealer is required, within 30 days of the time you take your vehicle to the dealer for emissions warranty service, to either honor your claim for

adjustment, repair, or replacement, or notify you in writing that your claim is being denied, and explain why.

If this time limit is not met, an authorized Honda dealer will perform the required repairs free of charge. The only exceptions allowed are when you, the owner, request or agree to a delay, or the delay is caused by circumstances beyond the control of Honda or the dealer.

If an authorized Honda automobile dealer is not able to repair your vehicle within 30 days from the time you take it to the dealer, you may have your vehicle repaired at any repair facility you choose. The only

### Emissions Performance Warranty

exceptions allowed are when you, the owner, request or agree to a delay, or the delay is caused by circumstances beyond the control of Honda or the dealer.

If you choose a repair facility that is not an authorized Honda dealer, Honda will reimburse you for the repair. Parts reimbursement is at the manufacturer's suggested retail price, and labor reimbursement is at a geographically-appropriate hourly rate for Honda's recommended time allowance. For reimbursement, present the replaced part(s) and a copy of the paid receipt to any authorized Honda automobile dealer.

This warranty begins on the date the vehicle is delivered to the first purchaser other than an authorized Honda dealer, or the date it is first used as a demonstrator, lease or company vehicle, whichever comes first.

#### Warranty Coverage

Honda warrants that if your vehicle fails an EPA-approved emissions short test, to bring your vehicle into compliance with applicable emissions standards Honda will, at no cost to you:

- During the first 3 years or 36,000 miles, whichever comes first, make all adjustments, diagnosis, repairs and replacements necessary, including those parts listed on pages **18-20**.

#### To Get Emissions Warranty Service

If your vehicle fails an EPA-approved short test, it should be taken to an authorized Honda automobile dealer. Take along proof of purchase date and a copy of the test report.

NOTE: The emissions test should be performed with the vehicle at normal operating temperature. Before getting a test, drive the vehicle for several miles at 25 MPH or above and test the vehicle as soon as possible after driving.

Repairs covered by this warranty will be performed at no charge for parts, labor, and diagnosis.

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An authorized Honda dealer is required, within 30 days of the time you take your vehicle to the dealer for emissions warranty service, to either honor your claim for adjustment, repair, or replacement, or notify you in writing that your claim is being denied, and explain why.

If this time limit is not met, an authorized Honda dealer will perform the required repairs free of charge. The only exceptions allowed are when you, the owner, request or agree to a delay, or the delay is caused by circumstances beyond the control of Honda or the dealer.

If an authorized Honda automobile dealer is unable to repair your vehicle within 30 days from the time you take your vehicle to the dealer,

you may have your vehicle repaired at any repair facility you choose. The only exceptions allowed are when you, the owner, request or agree to a delay, or the delay is caused by circumstances beyond the control of Honda or the dealer.

If you choose a repair facility that is not an authorized Honda dealer, Honda will reimburse you for the repair, including diagnosis. Parts reimbursement is at the manufacturer's suggested retail price, and labor reimbursement is at a geographically-appropriate hourly labor rate for Honda's recommended time allowance. For reimbursement, present the replaced part(s) and a copy of the paid receipt to any authorized Honda automobile dealer.

### Emissions Parts List

#### **Parts Covered for 3 years/36,000 miles (or 8 Years/80,000 miles) by the Emissions Warranties**

NOTE: Your vehicle may not be equipped with all the parts listed. Other parts may be covered. Contact an authorized Honda automobile dealer or the Honda Customer Relations Zone Office (see inside front cover) for further information.

All parts in this list are covered for a minimum of 3 years or 36,000 miles, whichever comes first. Those items identified with 8/80 are warranted for 8 years or 80,000 miles, whichever comes first.

#### ***Crankcase Control System***

- Positive Crankcase Ventilation (PCV) valve.
- Engine oil fill cap.
- Breather chamber.

### ***Evaporative Emissions Control System***

- Evaporative emission control canister.
- Evaporative emission purge control diaphragm valve.
- Evaporative emission purge control check & relief valve.
- Evaporative emission purge control vacuum switching valve.
- Fuel tank.
- Fuel fill pipe and cap.
- Fuel fill neck restrictor.
- Fuel tank rollover & float valve.
- Fuel tank evaporative emission valve.
- Evaporative emission purge control solenoid valve.
- Evaporative emission two-way valve.

### ***Exhaust Gas Recirculation (EGR) System***

- EGR vacuum control valve.
- EGR control solenoid valve.
- EGR valve.
- EGR valve lift sensor.
- Common chamber & orifice.
- EGR backpressure transducer.
- EGR thermal vacuum valve.
- EGR vacuum switching valve.

### ***Exhaust System***

- Three-way catalytic converter. **8/80**
- Warm-up three way catalytic converter. **8/80**
- Exhaust manifold.
- Exhaust pipe (engine to catalytic converter).

### ***Ignition System***

- Crankshaft and/or cylinder and/or TDC position sensor.
- Distributor ignition housing.
- Distributor ignition cap and rotor.
- Ignition coils.
- Ignition control module.
- Ignition timing adjuster.
- Ignition wires.
- Power switch.
- Spark plugs (covered up to the first required replacement only; see the maintenance schedule in the Owner's Manual).

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## ***Fuel Injection System***

- Engine Control Module (ECM). **8/80**
- Fuel injectors.
- Fuel rail.
- MAP sensor.
- Heated oxygen sensors.
- Oxygen sensors.
- Barometric pressure sensor.
- Intake air temperature sensor.
- Throttle position sensor.
- Engine coolant temperature sensor.
- Knock sensors.
- Powertrain control module. **8/80**
- Transmission control module.
- Countershaft speed sensor.
- Vehicle speed sensor.
- Fuel pressure regulator.

- Fuel pressure regulator vacuum switching valve.
- Idle air control valve (IACV).
- A/T gear position switch.
- Lock-up clutch control solenoid valve.
- Shift control solenoid valve.
- Fuel filter (covered up to the first replacement only; see the maintenance schedule in the Owner's Manual).

(Fuel filter replacement and flushing of the fuel tank to remove contamination resulting from a defect in material or workmanship only are covered by the warranty. Fuel injection system cleaning is covered.)

## ***Intake Air System***

- Air cleaner element, housing, and cover (covered up to the first

required replacement only; see the maintenance schedule in the Owner's Manual).

- Mass air flow sensor.
- Air regulator.
- Common chamber.
- Throttle body assembly.
- Throttle switch.
- Intake manifold.

## ***VTEC System***

- Variable valve timing & valve lift electronic control solenoid valve.
- Variable valve timing & valve lift electronic control pressure switch.

## ***Miscellaneous Parts***

Hoses, clamps, brackets, piping, bolts and gaskets associated with these systems.

*In addition to the Federal Emissions Warranties, the California Emissions Warranties that follow cover all vehicles registered and normally driven in California and Massachusetts.*

## Your Warranty Rights and Obligations

The California Air Resources Board and Honda are pleased to explain the emission control systems warranty on your 1998 vehicle. In California, new motor vehicles must be designed, built and equipped to meet the State's stringent anti-smog standards. Honda must warrant the emission control system on your vehicle for the periods of time listed below provided there has been no abuse, neglect or improper maintenance of your vehicle.

Your emission control system may include parts such as the carburetor or fuel injection system, the ignition system, catalytic converter, and engine computer. Also included may be hoses, belts, connectors and other emissions-related assemblies.

Where a warrantable condition exists, Honda will repair your vehicle at no cost to you including diagnosis, parts and labor.

## Manufacturer's Warranty Coverage

**For 3 years or 50,000 miles**  
(whichever first occurs):

- If your vehicle fails a Smog Check inspection, all necessary repairs and adjustments will be made by Honda to ensure that your vehicle passes the inspection. This is your emissions control systems **PERFORMANCE WARRANTY**.

- If any emissions-related part on your vehicle is defective, the part will be repaired or replaced by Honda. This is your short-term emissions control systems **DEFECTS WARRANTY**.

**For 7 years or 70,000 miles**  
(whichever first occurs):

If an emissions-related part listed in this warranty booklet specially noted with coverage for 7 years or 70,000 miles is defective, the part will be repaired or replaced by Honda. This is your long-term emissions control systems **DEFECTS WARRANTY**.

# California Emissions Warranties

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## Owner's Warranty Responsibilities

As the vehicle owner, you are responsible for the performance of the required maintenance listed in your owner's manual. Honda recommends that you retain all receipts covering maintenance on your vehicle, but Honda cannot deny warranty solely for the lack of receipts or for your failure to ensure the performance of all scheduled maintenance.

You are responsible for presenting your vehicle to a Honda dealer as soon as a problem exists. The warranty repairs should be completed in a reasonable amount of time, not to exceed 30 days.

As the vehicle owner, you should also be aware that Honda may deny you warranty coverage if your vehicle or a part has failed due to abuse, neglect, improper maintenance or unapproved modifications.

If you have any questions regarding your warranty rights and responsibilities, you should contact the Honda Customer Relations Zone Office (see inside front cover). California residents may also contact the California Air Resources Board at 9528 Telstar Ave., El Monte, CA 91731.

The California Emissions Control System Defects and Emissions Performance warranties are in addition to the Honda New Car Limited Warranty. These warranties are given only to the owner of a 1998 model year Honda automobile

distributed by American Honda through the Honda Automobile Division, for a vehicle registered and operated in California or other states that have adopted California warranty regulations.

If an authorized Honda automobile dealer cannot repair your vehicle or honor your claim within a reasonable period of time, contact the Honda Customer Relations Zone Office for assistance (see inside front cover). If you are not satisfied with the way in which a claim was resolved by Honda, in California you may write directly to:

California Air Resources Board  
9528 Telstar Avenue  
El Monte, CA 91731

### Your Responsibilities

To qualify for coverage under the defects and performance warranties, you should operate and maintain your 1998 Honda automobile according to the requirements on page [42](#) of this Warranty booklet, and the Maintenance Schedule in the Owner's Manual. This schedule is designed to keep your vehicle's emissions control systems functioning properly by maintaining your vehicle in peak operating condition.

Honda will not deny a claim for emissions warranty coverage simply because you did not maintain the vehicle, or do not have maintenance records to show that you did. However, any part that fails because of abuse or lack of required

maintenance will not be covered by this warranty.

Honda recommends that only parts supplied by Honda or equivalent parts be used to repair your vehicle. **Maintenance, replacement, or repair of emissions control devices and systems may be done by any automotive repair establishment or individual.**

Under normal circumstances, Honda will pay for warranty repairs only when they are performed at an authorized Honda repair facility. However, in an emergency situation, the repair of emissions control devices or systems may be done by any automotive repair establishment or individual, or by the owner, using any replacement part.

An emergency situation is considered to exist if an authorized Honda repair facility is not reasonably available, or when a warranted part is not available within 30 days, or when an authorized Honda repair facility is unable to complete a repair within 30 days.

Honda will reimburse you for those emergency repairs, including diagnosis, covered by the Emissions Warranties. Parts reimbursement is at the manufacturer's suggested retail price, and labor reimbursement is at a geographically-appropriate hourly labor rate for Honda's recommended time allowance. For reimbursement, present the replaced parts and a copy of the paid receipt to any authorized Honda dealer.

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### These Warranties Do Not Cover:

- Failures or malfunctions of the emissions control systems caused by abuse, alteration, accident, misuse, or the use of leaded gasoline.
- Replacement of maintenance items such as, but not limited to, spark plugs, filters, hoses, belts, coolant or lubricants beyond their first scheduled maintenance.
- Consequential damages such as loss of time or use of the vehicle.