2019 Acura RDX at 65,000 mi

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MODEL / CHASSIS	ENGINE	MILEAGE	DRIVETRAIN
RDX · TC RDX SH-AWD (2.0L turbo)	Honda K20C 2.0L turbo four (K20C1, K20C3, K20C4)	65,000 mi	AWD
BUILD MONTH	**REPORT DATE**	**MODE**	**PREPARED FOR**
Not entered (door jamb)	October 27, 2026	Owner	Sample Owner

VIN check: check digit valid; model-year code 'K' = 2019, matches the year entered. The VIN doesn't record the build month. Sample report: synthetic VIN.

1 · SUMMARY

What this car needs, in order

Each item compares this car's mileage with when owners and shops report the part failing. It is not an inspection: a qualified technician decides what the car actually needs.

2
jobs recommended now

0
to plan in the next 30,000 miles · plus 1 factory maintenance item

1
to watch or check at each service

Safety recalls NHTSA lists for this model year (5)

- **23V-858** · Fuel system · fuel pump: The fuel pump in the tank can fail, so the engine can stall while driving.
- **21V-215** · Fuel system · low-pressure fuel pump: The fuel pump in the tank can fail, so the engine can stall while driving.
- **20V-314** · Fuel system · low-pressure fuel pump: The fuel pump in the tank can fail, so the engine can stall while driving.
- **26V-332** · Air bags · passenger seat weight sensor: The seat weight sensor can crack and short, so the passenger air bags may deploy wrongly in a crash.
- **23V-158** · Seat belts · front buckles: A front seat belt buckle may not latch, so the belt cannot hold the occupant in a crash.

A model-year list, not a VIN check. Repairs are free at an Acura dealer if open. Check this VIN at nhtsa.gov/recalls.

Step 0 · Free: run the VIN at nhtsa.gov/recalls and ask an Acura dealer for a campaign printout, including 20V-314, 21V-215, 23V-858. Read the build month (MM/YY) on the driver's door-jamb label.

Recommended now at the next service — $100–$160

Inspection: check now, while it's cheaper to fix — $100–$160

about 1 h of shop labor, our estimate

Misfire from intake condensation (flashing check-engine light, loss of power): Inside the range (11,000–70,000 mi, the middle half of 29 owner reports) · if it fails: $150–$300 labor only, parts extra

Known weak point for this engine, not a finding on your car. The inspection shows whether yours has early signs.

Low-pressure fuel pump failure (recalled) — Free if open

Recalls 20V-314, 21V-215, 23V-858 are listed for this model year. Check the VIN; the repair is free at an Acura dealer if it is open.

Next 12 months up to about 77,000 mi

Nothing scheduled here.

Within the next 30,000 miles up to 95,000 mi

Nothing else enters its reported range in this window.

Watch inspect at each service, fix on condition, or optional

Oil leak at the cam chain tensioner inspection cover — $70–$110

labor only, parts extra

Any mileage (2017-on Civic Type R, RDX and TLX 2.0L turbo) · Inspect at each service; fix at the first sign

Recommended now

$100–$160

Independent shop, installed. Dealers often charge more.

Planned through 95,000 mi

$100–$160

No other repairs on the list before 95,000 mi. Now + next 12 months + next 30,000 miles. Excludes factory maintenance (listed separately), “watch” and optional items.

Costs are published independent-shop ranges (low end + low end, high end + high end). Bundled jobs are priced together because the labor overlaps. Routine service (oil, brakes, tires) isn't included; factory fluid and spark plug intervals are listed below.

FACTORY MAINTENANCE

Scheduled maintenance from 65,000 mi to 95,000 mi

The maker's normal schedule for this car. Service history isn't known here, so an item is shown at its next interval mark; skip it if the records show it was done.

ITEM	INTERVAL	THIS CAR
Brake fluid Honda: replace every 3 years regardless of mileage (newer Maintenance Minder cars show code 7 and may call it sooner).	every 3 years	**By time: check the records** [M1]
Spark plugs Maintenance Minder car: plugs are due when the Minder shows code 4; the owner's manual gives no fixed mileage.	no fixed interval	— [M1]
Engine coolant Maintenance Minder car: coolant is due when the Minder shows code 5; no fixed mileage in the manual.	no fixed interval	— [M1]
Automatic transmission fluid Maintenance Minder decides (code 3); no fixed mileage in the manual (shorter fixed intervals apply only for towing/mountain driving).	no fixed interval	— [M1]

M1. 2021 Honda Civic Hatchback Owner's Manual - Maintenance Minder OFFICIAL
https://archive.org/details/manuals-plus-2021-honda-civic-hatchback-owners-manual-2ec85ce6

WHERE 65K SITS FOR EACH WEAK POINT

#	WEAK POINT	REPORTED RANGE	THIS CAR
1	Misfire from intake condensation (flashing check-engine light, loss of power)	11,000–70,000 mi (middle half of 29 owner complaints that state a mileage) COMPUTED FROM NHTSA DATA	Inside the range
2	Oil leak at the cam chain tensioner inspection cover	2017-on Civic Type R, RDX and TLX 2.0L turbo OFFICIAL	Any mileage
3	Low-pressure fuel pump failure (recalled)	17,000–91,000 mi (middle half of 28 owner complaints that state a mileage) COMPUTED FROM NHTSA DATA	Inside the range

Colors compare mileage with reported failures, not the car's condition. Red: past the range. Amber: inside or approaching. Green: below, or not listed for a recall.

2 · RECALLS AND BULLETINS

Recalls to check for this 2019 Acura RDX

Safety recall repairs are free at Acura dealers. Nothing here can tell whether a recall is open or already done on this VIN; only the official VIN lookup or a dealer can.

Official VIN check (2 minutes)

1. Go to nhtsa.gov/recalls and enter 5J8TC2H55KL123456.
2. Note every recall shown as “Recall incomplete” and keep a screenshot.
3. Ask an Acura dealer for a campaign printout; it also lists completed campaigns.

2.0L TURBO K20C RECALLS WE TRACK

20V-314 · Low-pressure fuel pump can fail (2018–2019 Accord, Civic Type R, 2019 RDX)

NHTSA lists this model and year: check by VIN

The in-tank fuel pump may fail and the engine can stall. Free pump replacement. OFFICIAL [6]

☐ VIN checked ☐ Open: booked with dealer ☐ Completed (printout kept)

21V-215 · Low-pressure fuel pump can fail (2019–2020 Accord, RDX, TLX, Civic Type R)

NHTSA lists this model and year: check by VIN

Expansion of the fuel pump recall. Free pump replacement. OFFICIAL [6]

☐ VIN checked ☐ Open: booked with dealer ☐ Completed (printout kept)

23V-858 · Fuel pump can fail (2013–2023 Accord, Civic Type R, RDX, TLX and others)

NHTSA lists this model and year: check by VIN

The fuel pump inside the tank may fail. Free fuel pump module replacement. OFFICIAL [6]

☐ VIN checked ☐ Open: booked with dealer ☐ Completed (printout kept)

EVERY RECALL NHTSA LISTS FOR THE 2019 ACURA RDX (5)

RECALL	COMPONENT	WHAT CAN HAPPEN (NHTSA, SHORTENED)
23V-858 2.0L turbo K20C tracked	Fuel system · fuel pump	The fuel pump in the tank can fail, so the engine can stall while driving. Details
21V-215 2.0L turbo K20C tracked	Fuel system · low-pressure fuel pump	The fuel pump in the tank can fail, so the engine can stall while driving. Details
20V-314 2.0L turbo K20C tracked	Fuel system · low-pressure fuel pump	The fuel pump in the tank can fail, so the engine can stall while driving. Details
26V-332	Air bags · passenger seat weight sensor	The seat weight sensor can crack and short, so the passenger air bags may deploy wrongly in a crash. Details

RECALL	COMPONENT	WHAT CAN HAPPEN (NHTSA, SHORTENED)
23V-158	Seat belts · front buckles	A front seat belt buckle may not latch, so the belt cannot hold the occupant in a crash. Details

Source: NHTSA recalls API, fetched 2026-10-27 and combined across NHTSA model names: RDX. Safety categories (air bags, fire, brakes, stalling, roll-away and loss of control) are listed first; listings whose NHTSA text names another engine, or an aftermarket part, go last. OFFICIAL

SERVICE ACTIONS, BULLETINS AND WARRANTY PROGRAMS

Manufacturer bulletins and warranty programs for this engine are cited on each weak point in section 4, where they apply.

4 · THE 3 WEAK POINTS

Each weak point, one card each

Every figure carries its source. Retailer part numbers are shown only when the retailer lists them for this chassis (TC). Left out because they apply to other models, years, engine sizes or body codes: Check-engine light with P0236 (boost sensor), Accord 2.0T.

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1 Misfire from intake condensation (flashing check-engine light, loss of power)

Inside the range

Severity: High: overheating, stalls, limp mode or a big bill · 176 mentions in counted NHTSA complaints COMPUTED FROM NHTSA DATA

At 65,000 mi this car is inside the reported range (11,000–70,000 mi (middle half of 29 owner complaints that state a mileage)), 54,000 miles past where reports start. Range: 11,000–70,000 mi (middle half of 29 owner complaints that state a mileage) COMPUTED FROM NHTSA DATA [1]



Applies to: 2019–2021 RDX and 2021 TLX; most common in hot, humid regions or after rain

WHAT FAILS OFFICIAL [2]

Humid air in the turbo intake can condense in the intercooler during steady driving. The water enters the engine, causing a misfire, a flashing check-engine light and a loss of power. Acura updates the engine software and, on the RDX, replaces the intercooler and outlet pipe.

SYMPTOMS

- Flashing check-engine light
- Sudden loss of power at highway speed
- Misfire codes P0300–P0304

IF IT'S LEFT TOO LONG

Repeated misfires can damage the catalytic converter.

IS IT WORTH DOING EARLY? OUR ESTIMATE

Ask an Acura dealer whether bulletin 20-053 was done.

ESTIMATED REPAIR COST

Labor only, 1.5–1.9 h Acura warranty time plus the intercooler and pipes	**$150–$300** OUR ESTIMATE [2][7] labor only, parts extra
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Dealer	**Often 1.5–2× the independent-shop price** OUR ESTIMATE

1.0× The failure-bill midpoint ($225) is about 1.0× the early-fix midpoint ($225). A cost ratio, not a probability.

Where the numbers come from: Estimate: Acura warranty labor time of 1.5–1.9 h (bulletin [2]) × $100–$160/h independent-shop labor rate [7]. Parts are extra unless stated; check the VIN for open warranty coverage first.

PARTS FOR TC

- Ask your parts supplier for the OE part number for this VIN.

WHAT TO ASK YOUR SHOP

- Any flashing check-engine light in humid weather?

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2 Oil leak at the cam chain tensioner inspection cover

Any mileage

Severity: Medium: leaks and wear · 6 mentions in counted NHTSA complaints

COMPUTED FROM NHTSA DATA

Reports cover a wide mileage span (2017-on Civic Type R, RDX and TLX 2.0L turbo), so mileage doesn't say much here. Range: 2017-on Civic Type R, RDX and TLX 2.0L turbo OFFICIAL [3][4]

WHAT FAILS OFFICIAL [3][4]

The small inspection cover over the cam chain tensioner can leak because its sealant did not stick well. Honda dye-tests the leak and reseals or replaces the cover.

SYMPTOMS

- Oil wetness at the front (timing side) of the engine
- Burning-oil smell

IF IT'S LEFT TOO LONG

A small leak; it lowers the oil level over time.

IS IT WORTH DOING EARLY? OUR ESTIMATE

Reseal when it is wet; it is a short job.

ESTIMATED REPAIR COST

Labor only, 0.7 h Honda warranty time	**$70–$110** OUR ESTIMATE [3][7] labor only, parts extra
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Dealer	**Often 1.5–2× the independent-shop price** OUR ESTIMATE

1.0× The failure-bill midpoint ($90) is about 1.0× the early-fix midpoint ($90). A cost ratio, not a probability.

Where the numbers come from: Estimate: Honda warranty labor time of 0.7 h (bulletin [3]) × $100–$160/h independent-shop labor rate [7]. Parts are extra unless stated; check the VIN for open warranty coverage first.

PARTS FOR TC

- Ask your parts supplier for the OE part number for this VIN.

WHAT TO ASK YOUR SHOP

- Any oil spots?

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3 Low-pressure fuel pump failure (recalled)

Inside the range

Severity: High: overheating, stalls, limp mode or a big bill · 283 mentions in counted NHTSA complaints COMPUTED FROM NHTSA DATA

At 65,000 mi this car is inside the reported range (17,000–91,000 mi (middle half of 28 owner complaints that state a mileage)), 48,000 miles past where reports start. Range: 17,000–91,000 mi (middle half of 28 owner complaints that state a

mileage) COMPUTED FROM NHTSA DATA [1]



Applies to: 2018–2023 Accord, Civic Type R, RDX and TLX in the recall ranges

WHAT FAILS OFFICIAL [6]

The fuel pump inside the tank can fail, so the engine runs rough, will not start, or stalls while driving. Honda recalled the pumps on many 2018–2023 models.

SYMPTOMS

- Engine stalls while driving
- Rough running
- No start

IF IT'S LEFT TOO LONG

A stall at speed is a crash risk.

IS IT WORTH DOING EARLY? OUR ESTIMATE

Check the VIN for recalls 20V-314, 21V-215 and 23V-858.

ESTIMATED REPAIR COST

Free under recall	**Free if covered** OFFICIAL [6] independent shop, installed
No published bill outside the recalls	**No published price** reported range for the bill after a failure
Dealer	**Often 1.5–2× the independent-shop price** OUR ESTIMATE

PARTS FOR TC

- Ask your parts supplier for the OE part number for this VIN.

WHAT TO ASK YOUR SHOP

- Fuel pump recall done?

5 · ALSO REPORTED, NOT RANKED

Other themes in 2.0L turbo K20C owner complaints

Every NHTSA complaint theme with 10 or more counted reports is either a weak point above or explained here.

THEME	COMPLAINTS	WHY IT ISN'T A WEAK POINT
Steering	722	Steering complaints (mostly the Accord); not an engine fault.
Head gasket / coolant loss	50	Honda's 2026 head-gasket extension (A26-003) covers the 1.5L CVT Accord, not this 2.0T; a few 2.0T owners report coolant loss.

6 · BUYING OR SELLING

Used-car checklist and resale helper

For owners this is a resale checklist: it's what a careful buyer will ask.

Ask the inspecting shop to check

- Scan for misfire codes and P0236
- Timing-side oil wetness
- Road test at highway speed

Ask the seller

- Bulletin 20-053 done (RDX/TLX)?
- Fuel pump recalls done?

Documents to request

- Dealer service-history printout for the VIN
- nhtsa.gov/recalls screenshot

WHAT A BUYER MAY DEDUCT

FINDING	ESTIMATED ADJUSTMENT
Misfire from intake condensation (flashing check-engine light, loss of power): symptoms or fault codes present	$150–$300 + parts
Oil leak at the cam chain tensioner inspection cover: seeping or leaking	$70–$110 + parts
Low-pressure fuel pump failure (recalled): fault found on inspection	No published price
Pre-ticked rows (●), if no records clear them	**None at this mileage**

● = expected at this mileage. Estimated repair costs, not an appraisal. Recalls cost the seller nothing: ask for open recalls to be completed rather than discounted. OUR ESTIMATE

7 · METHOD AND SOURCES

How this report is built

Inputs. VIN, model year, model, mileage and build month (if entered). Model and engine are checked with NHTSA's vPIC decoder.

Mileage positions. Below: more than 10,000 miles before the reported range. Approaching: within 10,000. Inside: in the range, or past the start of an open-ended range. Past: beyond the top of the range. These bands are our rules, not an industry standard.

The plan. Critical items inside or past their range go first; high-severity items follow, and jobs that share labor are bundled. At most three jobs land in “Recommended now”. Leaks that are cheap to watch are fixed on condition; inspections are asked for at each service.

Costs. Published independent-shop ranges from shop quotes, retailer prices and owner reports. The worst-case cost of every item failing is not shown: it isn't an expected cost.

Labels. OFFICIAL NHTSA/Honda documents · SHOP/RETAILER parts prices and shop articles · FORUM/BLOG owner forums and blogs · COMPUTED FROM NHTSA DATA our analysis of NHTSA data · OUR ESTIMATE ours.

NHTSA complaint data. Pulled Oct 27, 2026 from NHTSA's complaints API for Accord 2018–2022 complaints that mention the 2.0L or 10-speed; all Civic Type R and RDX complaints; TLX complaints that do not mention the Type S / V6; Integra complaints that mention the Type S. The Civic Si uses the 1.5L turbo and is not included: 3,175 complaints. Some of these nameplates were sold with other engines too. For some we kept only complaints whose text names this engine (which under-counts); for others we left out complaints that name another engine or a hybrid (so a few about other engines can remain). Themes are keyword matches on the complaint text.
COMPUTED FROM NHTSA DATA

THEME	COMPLAINTS	IN THIS REPORT
Steering	722	Also reported
Fuel pump / stalling	283	Item 3
Misfire / flashing light / loss of power	176	Item 1
Turbo / boost	54	Other years or engine sizes
Head gasket / coolant loss	50	Also reported
Oil leak	6	Item 2

Limits: complaints are self-reported and not adjusted for cars sold; keyword matching over- and under-counts; owners rarely file safety complaints about oil seeps, so leaks look rarer than they are.

SOURCES

1. NHTSA owner complaints for 2018–2022 Accord complaints that mention the 2.0L or 10-speed, 2017–2025 Civic Type R, 2019–2025 Acura RDX, 2021–2025 TLX (not Type S) and 2024–2025 Integra Type S, pulled Oct 27, 2026 (ODI numbers in the cost notes) OFFICIAL
https://www.nhtsa.gov/report-a-safety-problem#complaints

2. Acura Acura Service Bulletin 20-053 v4: MIL flashing with loss of power (intake condensation misfire): PGM-FI update and intercooler replacement, 2019–2021 RDX, 2021 TLX (2024-03-12), filed with NHTSA OFFICIAL
https://static.nhtsa.gov/odi/tsbs/2024/MC-10251896-0001.pdf

3. Honda Service Bulletin 25-089: Oil leak at the cam chain tensioner inspection cover, 2017–2026 Civic Type R (2.0L turbo) (2025-09-16), filed with NHTSA OFFICIAL
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https://static.nhtsa.gov/odi/tsbs/2025/MC-11023274-0001.pdf

5. Honda Service Bulletin 21-049: MIL on with DTC P0236 (boost sensor range), 2018–2021 Accord 2.0L 10AT: PGM-FI update (2021-05-18), filed with NHTSA OFFICIAL
https://static.nhtsa.gov/odi/tsbs/2021/MC-10194464-0001.pdf

6. NHTSA recall records: 20V-314, 21V-215 and 23V-858 (low-pressure fuel pump), checked Oct 27, 2026 OFFICIAL
https://www.nhtsa.gov/recalls?nhtsaId=21V215000

7. Tekmetric: average auto repair labor rates by state, 2026 (national average $132/h; state averages $85–$197/h). We use $100–$160/h for labor-time estimates. SHOP/RETAILER
https://tours.tekmetric.com/answers/average-auto-repair-labor-rates-by-state-2026

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Important

Based on public records and published repair costs. Not a diagnosis or a guarantee. Your technician's inspection decides what your car needs. Confirm recalls with a dealer using your VIN.

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Reported ranges and estimates, not predictions

Failure mileages are reported ranges compiled from public owner complaints, manufacturer bulletins, recalls and repair-shop reports. Costs are estimates. Parts can fail earlier, later or not at all, and other problems can occur. Statistics from owner complaints describe past reports to NHTSA; NHTSA has not reviewed or endorsed this analysis.

Safety issues go to a dealer

If you notice overheating, a burning or fuel smell, smoke, a brake-assist problem, stalling or loss of power, pull over when it's safe and contact an Acura dealer or qualified shop. Safety recall repairs are free at Acura dealers. Confirm recalls for this VIN at nhtsa.gov/recalls.

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