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**National Highway
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Administration**

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Ref. # 10183760

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your correspondence dated February 22, 2007, concerning the steering wheel assembly problem you experienced with your Model Year (MY) 1987 Acura Integra vehicle. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) received your correspondence on February 27, 2007. We regret any inconvenience our delay in responding may have caused you.

NHTSA is the Federal agency responsible for improving safety on our Nation's highways. We are authorized to order manufacturers to recall and repair vehicles or items of motor vehicle equipment when our investigations indicate that they contain serious safety defects in their design, construction, or performance. In order for the agency to initiate an investigation, we look carefully at the body of consumer complaints and other available data to determine whether a defect may exist. Enclosed is a brochure explaining the safety-related defect investigation process.

We appreciate the report you provided. Reports from motorists are a very important source of information for us; however, a manufacturer's vehicle maintenance schedule or the dealership's inspection routine is not part of our jurisdiction. We cannot act on isolated problems or resolve disputes between individual owners, dealers, or manufacturers.

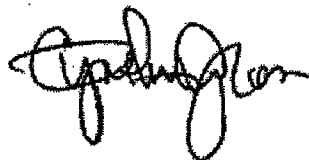
Additionally, a review of our database relative to cracks in the steering hub assembly of MY 1987 Acura Integra vehicles revealed insufficient evidence to warrant



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opening a safety defect investigation at this time. The information you provided has been entered into our database and will be considered with future reports to identify any safety defect trends that may require our attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cynthia Glass', written in a cursive style.

Cynthia Glass, Acting Chief
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Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement

Enclosure