



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

July 26, 2007

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Poughquag, NY [REDACTED]

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Ref # 10196912

Dear [REDACTED]:

Thank you for your correspondence dated June 20, 2007, concerning the seatbelt problem you encountered with your model year (MY) 1997 Honda Civic vehicle. The New York State Office of the Attorney General referred your correspondence the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). The Office of Defects Investigation received your correspondence on July 10, 2007.

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. We cannot act on isolated problems or resolve disputes between individual owners, dealers, or manufacturers.

We appreciate the report you provided. Reports from motorists are a very important source of information for us. We followed up with Honda and were informed that they would be contacting you directly concerning the seat belt problem in your MY 1997 Honda Civic vehicle.

Should you encounter a safety-related problem with a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment in the future, you can complete an electronic Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire online at



<http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/ivoq>. Also, a summary listing of vehicle owners' complaints, safety recalls, manufacturers' service bulletins, etc., can be obtained at <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/problems>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. DeMeter', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kathleen DeMeter
Director
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement