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Make : HONDA	Model : CIVIC HYBRID	Year : 2006
Manufacturer : HONDA (AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO.)		
Crash : No	Fire : No	Number of Injuries: 0
ODI ID Number : 10308073		Number of Deaths: 0
Date of Failure: February 5, 2010		
VIN : JHMFA36286S...		

Component: SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC

Summary:

VEHICLE BROUGHT TO REPAIR SHOP FOR BURNING SMELL. IT WAS FOUND THAT FRONT BRAKES WERE LOCKED. BLEEDERS WERE OPENED WHICH RELEASED THE FRONT BRAKE APPLICATION. ONLY THE BUILT UP PRESSURE IN THE CALIPER WAS RELEASED, HYDRAULIC SYSTEM WAS NOT DRAINED, OR BLED. THE BRAKE FLUID IS FULL, THERE ARE NO SIGNS OF FLUID CONTAMINATION. NOW, VEHICLE HAS A HARD BRAKE PEDAL BUT ABSOLUTELY NO BRAKE APPLICATION. NO BRAKE FLUID ESCAPES WHEN OPENING BLEEDERS, WITH HELPER PRESSING BRAKE PEDAL. I THOUGHT, EVEN IN THE EVENT OF COMPLETE ABS FAILURE, THE BASIC HYDRAULIC SYSTEM WOULD STILL BE FUNCTIONING. *TR

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WEB USER COMMENTS:

This is an update to the compliant ODI 10308073 .
The problem was created by the improper adjustment of the brake position switch (brake light switch). Proper procedure is listed in repair publications, which neither shop referred to. I test drove the vehicle, after adjusting the switch, and it was fine. I checked with a Honda parts dept, they indicate that adjustment instructions are not included with a new switch. Since adjustment is so critical to proper brake performance, I think a warning should be included in the box with the new switch.

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