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US Department of Transportation
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I own a 2006 Honda Civic. I am sure that you are aware of the safety issue involving all 2006 and 2007 Honda Civics regarding defective/poor design of the rear suspension (NHTSA item # 10024687). There are hundreds of complaints on your website. Due to the defect/poor design of the rear control arms, rear tires on these vehicles are wearing unevenly and prematurely. In my case, last week my Honda mechanic discovered that my left rear tire was worn down to the cord on the inside part of the tire-- a definite safety issue. This condition is very hard to detect as the car sits close to the ground and the tire is worn only on the inside part of the tire. The Honda dealer suggested a four wheel alignment and two new rear tires—they did not tell me about the problem with the rear control arms. This week, I found that Honda had issued a service bulletin (08-001) to their dealers for a replacement of the rear control arms. I took a copy of this bulletin to the dealership and am now negotiating with them for replacement of the control arms per the bulletin.

I see on your website that many people have filed safety complaints on 2006 and 2007 Civics for this same issue – rapid and uneven tread wear. I also filed one yesterday. It appears that dealers are not telling their customers about the safety issue – they are waiting until people find out about the service bulletin on their own. I also am aware that there is a class action lawsuit against Honda for this very issue ([REDACTED] vs American Honda Motor Co).

Why has NHTSA not forced Honda to do a recall on this defect? The problem is widespread (affects ALL 2006 and 2007 Civics). It is definitely a safety issue – even on your own website, some of the complaints have involved accidents that have resulted from tire blowouts caused by this safety issue. And, although Honda has a service bulletin on the problem, they are not telling their customers on their own – they are making the customers do the detective work.

I would appreciate an answer as soon as possible

Sincerely,

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