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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
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Re: Inadvertent braking in 2005 Acura TL (VIN # 19UUA66265A [REDACTED])

On February 5, 2013 my wife took our 2005 Acura TL to Tonkin Acura, Portland to determine why the car had suddenly braked on its own and lost power while driving in city traffic. When the VSA activated on our car it responded exactly as those events reported by others recently in USA Today and LA Times. The car shuddered, braked harshly and the throttle response was nearly non-existent. This all happened so quickly that the car behind nearly collided with us. He missed hitting us, but was clearly upset as he drove around us, blaring his horn as he went.

The Acura technicians ran a diagnostic on the car and decided to replace a brake switch. While returning home from this service, the car VSA once again activated in the same manner as before. She returned to Tonkin Acura. The technicians drove the car for awhile, but were not able to replicate the event. The car has not had the VSA activate since then.

After reading the LA Times article regarding possibility of damaged electrical capacitors on VSA control unit and wiring sub-harness replacement, I am not sure how replacing the brake switch on our car could solve the inadvertent braking problem.

Since that time I have been on line to several Acura service websites and have noticed that this is not an uncommon event in Acura TL models.

I have read the newspaper articles regarding Honda's recall of some Honda and Acura models and noticed that 2005 Acura RL's were recalled, but not 2005 Acura TL's. In my opinion TL models should be included in the recall since the braking problem in our car was exactly as reported by other owners quoted in the articles.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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