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 DOT Auto Safety Hotline Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire To Report Vehicle Safety Defects 1-888-DASH-2-DOT (1-888-327-4236) INTERNET: www.nhtsa.dot.gov/hotline				FOR AGENCY USE ONLY 100148	
				Date Received 05-AUG-2014	Repository ☐ Reference No. 10619052
OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)				Daytime Telephone Number	
Name				E-mail Address	
Address				Evening Telephone Number	
City CORNWALL HUDSON		State NY	Zip Code		
<i>The information you provide will be used to identify potential safety-related defects. We may share your information with the applicable vehicle manufacturer during an investigation or recall in accordance with the routine uses described in the agency's Privacy Act notice. See 49 FR 53971 (Sep. 3, 2004).</i>					
VEHICLE INFORMATION					
17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side JHMGD 38657 5			Make HONDA	Model FIT	Model Year 2007
Date Purchased JAN 2007	Dealer's Name and Telephone Number MOREHEAD HONDA 845-561-3800			Engine: No: Cylinders 4	Fuel Type: UNLEADED GASOLINE
Original Owner ☒	Dealer's City NEWBURGH		State NY	Zip Code 12550	
Transmission Type AUTOMATIC	☐ Antilock Brakes	Powertrain	Multiple Failure: YES		Incident Date(s) 11-JUL-2014 1-AUG-2014
☐ Cruise Control					
FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION					
Vehicle Component Codes: 180000 VEHICLE SPEED CONTROL, ENGINE (PWS)				Failure Mileage 17000	Failure Speed 4 ?
ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE					
Tire Make		Tire Model (Name or Number)		Tire Size (Example P215/65R15)	
DOT No. (Example: DOTM9ABC036)		☐ Original Equipment ☐ Prior Repair		Failure Location:	
Tire Component Code				Tire Failure Type:	
ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A CHILD SEAT FAILURE					
Make:		Date Manufactured:		Model No./Name:	
Seat Type:		Installation System:			
Child Seat Component Code:		Failed Part:			
APPLICABLE INCIDENT INFORMATION (Please describe in detail the incident(s), Failure(s), Crash(es), and injury(ies).)					
Crash ☒ Yes ☐ No	Fire ☐ Yes ☒ No	Number of Persons Injured 0	Number of Deaths 0	Reported to Police N	
Narrative Description of Incident(S), Crash(es), and Injury(ies). Please describe (1) events leading up to the failure, (2) failure and its consequences, and (3) what was done to correct the failure; i.e. parts repaired or replaced (and if old part is available).					
TL* THE CONTACT OWNS A 2007 HONDA FIT. WHILE DRIVING APPROXIMATELY 4 MPH, THE VEHICLE ACCELERATED ON ITS OWN AND CRASHED INTO A CONCRETE WALL. THERE WERE NO INJURIES. THE FAILURE OCCURRED TWICE. THE VEHICLE WAS NOT DIAGNOSED OR REPAIRED. THE MANUFACTURER WAS NOTIFIED. THE VIN WAS UNKNOWN. THE APPROXIMATE FAILURE MILEAGE WAS 17,000. SEE ATTACHED REPORT					
Include, if available: Police/Fire Department Report, Photos, and Repair Invoice. ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY The Privacy Act of 1974-Public Law 93-579 This information is requested pursuant to authority vested in the National Highway Traffic Safety Act and subsequent amendments. You are under no obligation to respond this questionnaire. Your response may be used to assist the NHTSA in determining whether a Manufacturer should take appropriate action to correct a safety defect. If the NHTSA proceeds with administrative enforcement or litigation against a manufacturer, your response, or a statistical summary thereof, may be used in support of the agency's action.					

Accident Report # 10619052

I experienced Sudden Unintended Acceleration in my Honda Fit 2007 after 7 years (17,000 miles) of driving it. It happened twice and was really scary. I was turning left slowly into a parking space at Shop Rite the first time (7/11/14) and when I straightened up the engine suddenly roared and the car surged forward. I did not know what was happening so by the time I slammed hard on the brakes I was through two parking spaces and halfway into the road. Thank God no one was walking there or I may have killed them. The second time (8/1/14) I was at a Diner parking lot and the same thing happened, I turned right to enter the parking slot and when I had straightening up the car it surged forward and the acceleration roared. This time I knew what was happening and slammed the brakes sooner. But I still hit the wall and damaged the front of the car. Thank God the brakes worked. I was very shook up and am terrified of driving the car again

.Note as I turned very slowly into the parking space I was gradually applying light pressure on the brake pedal so that the car would come to a complete stop in the parking space. My right foot was OFF the accelerator pedal and ON the brake pedal when the engine accelerated. I have NEVER confused the two pedals in any of my cars with automatic transmission.

I reported this to my local dealer who found NOTHING wrong. They told me they had never seen this problem with a Fit. The repairs are costing around \$4,400.00. I reported the incident to HONDA AMERICA not expecting anything from them. However after a week they called to say that they wanted to send a Factory Rep to check out the car. He checked it out and also found nothing. I never expected any cause to be found as if this was acknowledged Honda would be open to all kinds of legal problems as was Toyota. I do not know, and I doubt, if they can check out the firmware that controls the electronic throttle control.

From my research it appears that SUA happens to all makes and models of cars ever since electronics have been used. Many innocent people have been killed or permanently disabled. The makers of expensive cars have a fix for that with a control on the brake which overrides the acceleration; however this is not available at Honda. At the moment their answer is driver error.