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1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

April 19, 2018

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Omaha, NE [REDACTED]

NEF-109 nam
Ref. No. 11074750

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your correspondence concerning your model year (MY) 1994 Honda Del Sol. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) Office of Defects Investigation received your correspondence. I am pleased to respond.

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 motor vehicle equipment when our investigations indicate that they contain safety defects in their design, construction, or performance. We also monitor the completion rates and adequacy of manufacturers' recall.

We appreciate the report you provided. Reports from motorists are a very important source of information for NHTSA. Your MY 1994 Honda Del Sol vehicle is affected by NHTSA Safety Recall Campaign No. 95V-203 (enclosed). The repair involves adding reinforcement brackets to the air bag module assembly.

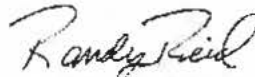
We appreciate the report you provided. Reports from motorists are a very important source of information for us. We entered your vehicle identification number (VIN) into our VIN Look-Up Tool, which searches for open recalls through a direct link to the manufacturers database. We have confirmed that Recall 95V-203 has not been completed on your vehicle. However, we do not understand why the recall has remained opened after all these years. Honda initiated Recall 95V-203 on October 16, 1995. For unknown reasons, the first owner did not complete the recall 23 years ago, our records show you are the third owner. It is safe assume that most of the vehicles affected by the recall have been repaired and a good portion are out of service by now.

There is a myth that manufacturers are required to maintain automobile parts for specific amount of time (10 to 12 year) however, this is not true. Although recall recalls do not expire, manufacturers may not be able to maintain an inventory of repair parts for vehicles

with extended life cycles, such as 23 years. The average age of vehicles on the road in the U.S. is approximately 13 years. Manufacturers will typically maintain parts for the new vehicle warranty period. We recommend that you continue to work with Honda or a local dealer on locating the air bag bracket. They have the means to search Honda's entire parts supply chain, including other dealers in the U.S. that may have the part. The information you provided has been entered into our database. It will be considered with future reports to identify any safety defect trends that may require our attention. For your information, an explanation of NHTSA's investigation and recall process is on our website at www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/recallprocess.cfm.

Should you encounter a safety-related problem with a motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment in the future, we would appreciate it if you would complete an electronic Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire online at www.nhtsa.gov or call the Vehicle Safety Hotline at 888-327-4236. Also, a summary listing of vehicle owners' complaints, safety recalls, manufacturers' service bulletins, etc. can be obtained at our website.

Sincerely,



Randy Reid, Chief
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Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement

Enclosure

Recall Detail

19-APR-2018

Recall Num: 95 V 203 000	573 Date: 16-OCT-1995	573 Date Rcvd: 24-OCT-1995	Potentially Affected: 6,476	Potentially Defective: 6,476
Mfr Recall Num:				
Subject: INTERIOR SYSTEMS:PASSIVE RESTRAINT:AIR BAG:PASSENG		Remedy Type:	RP Num:	FMVSS Num:
Recall Type: Defect	Recall Effect: Crash Worthines	NHTSA Inv Num:	Influenced by: MFR	
Problem Exp:		Manufacturer: AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO.	Recall Status: CONDUCTING RECALL	
Problem Desc: THE PASSENGER AIR BAG WAS IMPROPERLY INSTALLED. THE RETAINER TABS USED TO SECURE THE LOWER MODULE TO THE UPPER HOUSING WERE DRILLED INCORRECTLY.				
Consequence: IF THE RETAINER TABS WERE DRILLED INCORRECTLY, THE TABS WILL NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT STRENGTH ALLOWING THE MODULE TO SEPARATE FROM THE HOUSING DURING AIR BAG DEPLOYMENT. THE AIR BAG WOULD NOT INFLATE PROPERLY AND A PASSENGER WOULD LOSE THE BENEFITS OF A PROPER AIR BAG DEPLOYMENT DURING A VEHICLE ACCIDENT.				
Remedy Type: DEALERS WILL REPAIR THE AIR BAG MODULE ASSEMBLY BY ADDING REINFORCEMENT BRACKETS.				
Notes: SYSTEM: INTERIOR; PASSIVE RESTRAINT; AIR BAG; PASSENGER. VEHICLE DESCRIPTION: PASSENGER VEHICLE. NOTE: OWNERS WHO TAKE THEIR VEHICLES TO AN AUTHORIZED DEALER ON AN AGREED UPON SERVICE DATE AND DO NOT RECEIVE THE FREE REMEDY WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME, SHOULD CONTACT HONDA AT 1-310-783-2000. ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S AUTO SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-800-424-9393.				
MFR Knowl Dt:	Prod Change Dt:	Mfr Press Release Dt:	NHTSA Press Release Dt:	
Stop Sales:	Regional:			
Supplier:	Mfr Toll Free Num:			

Products	Beginning Mfg Date	Ending Mfg Date
Product Type :VEHICLE Product Category :LIGHT VEHICLES Manufacturer :Honda (American Honda Motor Co.) Make :HONDA Model :DEL SOL Model Year :1994 Type :PASSENGER CAR	01-AUG-1993	01-OCT-1993

Component Name
AIR BAGS:FRONTAL

Influencing Investigation(s)			
Investigation Num	Subject	Investigator	Relationship

Related Recalls		
Yr	Type Major Sub	Relationship

Recall Characteristics	
Unique Recall	Unique Descr

Recall Detail

Recall Communications

Fax Ack:

Draft 577 Received:

Final 577 Received:

Phased: N

Renotification:

Dealer Notification

Received:

Letter Ack:

Draft 577 Approved:

Owner Notification: 17-OCT-1995

577 End:

Envelope Approved:

Dealer Notification: