

December 13, 2010

Mr. Daniel C. Smith
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY
ADMINISTRATION
Attn: Early Warning Division (NVW-217)
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Foreign Recall Report

Dear Associate Administrator Smith:

On December 13, 2010, Honda Motor Co., Ltd. (HMC) decided to conduct a safety recall of certain vehicles in the Middle East. The following information is submitted pursuant to the requirements of 49 CFR 579.12.

573.6(c)(1)

Name of Manufacturer: Honda Manufacturing of Alabama (HMA)

Manufacturer's Agent: Jay Joseph
American Honda Motor Co., Inc. (AHM)
1919 Torrance Blvd.
Torrance, CA 90501-2746

573.6(c)(2)

Identification of Potentially Affected Vehicles:

<u>Make/Model</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Dates of Manufacture</u>
Honda Pilot	Certain 2009 model year vehicles	March 11, 2008 – April 14, 2009
Honda Pilot	Certain 2010 model year vehicles	April 22, 2009 – January 21, 2010

Description of the Basis for the Determination of the Recall Population:

The recall population was based on manufacturing records.

573.6(c)(3)

Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Affected: 2,766

573.6(c)(5)

Defect Description:

The fuel filler neck of the fuel tank was manufactured to incorrect material specifications. As a result, fuel swelling can occur between the fuel tank and the filler neck if the vehicle is exposed to extremely high ambient temperatures for sustained

periods. Eventually, a crack may occur at the neck due to a high level of stress, increasing the risk of fuel leakage.

579.12(a)

Campaign Being Conducted in:

See Attached

Safety Recall or Other Safety Campaign:

Safety Recall or Product Update campaign in certain countries

Determination Made by:

Honda

Date of Determination:

December 13, 2010

Date Recall will Commence:

December 14, 2010

Manufacturer's Program for Remediying the Noncompliance:

Dealers will replace the fuel tank, free of charge.

U.S. Motor Vehicles Identical or Similar to Vehicles Covered by this Foreign Recall:

Foreign Recalled Vehicle	Identical or Similar U.S. Vehicle
2009-10 Honda Pilot	2009-10 Honda Pilot

Reason U.S. Vehicles Not Affected

The U.S. version of the 2009-10 Pilot is not affected because the materials and design of the fuel filler neck is different than that of the recalled vehicles. There have been no leaks reported in the U.S.

Sincerely,

AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO., INC.



Jay Joseph
Senior Manager
Product Regulatory Office

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Attachment 1

Campaign is being conducted in the following countries

Azerbaijan	Bahrain
Jordan	Kuwait
Lebanon	Oman
Qatar	Saudia Arabia
UAE	Yemen