

December 13 2011

Ms. Nancy Lewis
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION
Attn: Early Warning Division (NVS-217)
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Foreign Recall Report

Dear Ms. Lewis:

On December 6, 2011, Honda Motor Co., Ltd. (HMC) and Dongfeng Honda Automobile (Wuhan) Co., Ltd. (WDHAC) decided to conduct a safety recall of 2012 model year Honda Civic motor vehicles in China. The following information is submitted pursuant to the requirements of 49 CFR 579.12.

573.6(c)(1)

Name of Manufacturer: Dongfeng Honda Automobile (Wuhan) Co., Ltd., China (WDHAC)

Manufacturer's Agent: Jay Joseph
American Honda Motor Co., Inc. (AHM)
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Identification of Potentially Affected Vehicles:

<u>Make/Model</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Dates of Manufacture / Country</u>
Honda Civic	Certain 2012 model year vehicles	Sept. 26, 2011 to Nov. 17, 2011 / China

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

The recall population was determined based on manufacturing records.

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Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Affected: 2,270

573.6(c)(5)

Defect Description:

Due to a problem with the electric power steering system (EPS) on some 2012 Honda Civics manufactured and marketed in China, when the steering wheel is turned to the full lock left position, the EPS may apply torque assistance to the steering wheel in the

wrong direction. This problem is caused by a failure to install the shaft tightening nut that secures the steering rack pinion gear shaft during the assembly process. If the pinion gear shaft is not properly secured by the tightening nut, the shaft may fail to fully maintain its specified position when the steering wheel is turned past full lock left. As a result, if a driver attempts to turn the steering wheel counterclockwise past the full lock left position, there is a possibility the EPS may provide torque assistance in the wrong direction. Unexpected steering wheel torque assistance increases the risk of a crash.

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Campaign Being Conducted in: China
Safety Recall or Other Safety Campaign: Safety Recall
Determination Made by: Honda Motor Co., Ltd.
Date of Determination: December 6, 2011
Date Recall will Commence: December 15, 2011

Manufacturer's Program for Remediating the Noncompliance:

Dealers will inspect the electronic power steering system of all affected vehicles, and if necessary, replace the steering gear box.

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

Foreign Recalled Vehicle	Identical or Similar U.S. Vehicle
2012 Honda Civic	2012 Honda Civic

Reason U.S. Vehicles Not Affected

The foreign 2012 model year Civic manufactured at WDHAC was not sold in the United States. There have been no reports of similar failures in the U.S.

Sincerely,

AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO., INC.


Jay Joseph
Senior Manager
Product Regulatory Office

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