

February 2, 2012

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 January 26, 2012, Honda Motor Co., Ltd. (HMC) decided to conduct a safety recall of certain vehicles in Russia and the Ukraine. 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)
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Identification of Potentially Affected Vehicles:

<u>Make/Model</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Dates of Manufacture</u>
Honda Pilot	Certain 2009 model year vehicles	Jan. 22, 2008 – April 9, 2009
Honda Pilot	Certain 2011 model year vehicles	Aug. 11, 2010 – Aug. 20, 2011

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

The recall population was based on manufacturing records.

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Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Affected: 6,854

573.6(c)(5)

Defect Description:

Under extremely severe driving conditions, such as driving over very rough roads for extended time and distance, the damper rod is subjected to an excessive amount of friction which causes the rod to rotate in a direction that loosens the right-side rod top nut. The damper rod nut clamp force is reduced causing stress on the damper rod

neck area. Over time, the damper rod may crack and fracture, resulting in a loss of steering and increasing the risk of a crash.

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Campaign Being Conducted in: Russia and Ukraine

Safety Recall or Other Safety Campaign: Safety Recall

Determination Made by: Honda

Date of Determination: January 26, 2012

Date Market Action will Commence: late March 2012

Manufacturer's Program for Remedying the Noncompliance:

Dealers will replace the damper unit, BSR sleeve, mount washer and top nut. All work will be performed free of charge.

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

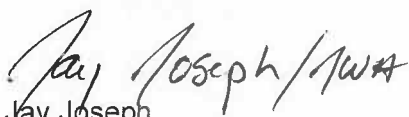
Foreign Recalled Vehicle	Identical or Similar U.S. Vehicle
2009, 2011 Honda Pilot	2009, 2011 Honda Pilot

Reason U.S. Vehicles Not Affected

The U.S. version of the 2009 and 2011 Pilot is not included in this market action due to considerable differences in the condition of the road surfaces. This has been identified as the cause of this condition in the Russian and Ukraine markets. No failures of original equipment front suspension dampers in Pilot vehicles in the U.S. have been identified by Honda.

Sincerely,

AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO., INC.



Jay Joseph
Senior Manager
Product Regulatory Office

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