

June 1, 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 Administrator Lewis:

On May 24, 2012, Honda Motor Co., Ltd. (HMC) decided to conduct a safety recall of certain vehicles in Europe, Russia and the South Pacific and notification was submitted pursuant to the requirements of 49 CFR 579.12.

573.6(c)(1)

Name of Manufacturer: Honda Motor Co., Ltd. (HMC)
Honda of the UK Manufacturing Ltd. (HUM)
Honda Automobile(China) Co. Ltd. (CHAC)

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

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Identification of Potentially Affected Vehicles:

<u>Make/Model</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Dates of Manufacture</u>
Civic	Certain 2009-2011 model year vehicles	5/6/2008 – 12/13/2011
Jazz	Certain 2009-2011 model year vehicles	7/21/2008 – 12/23/2010

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:

37,282
Civic: 5,338
Jazz: 31,944

573.6(c)(5)

Defect Description:

The affected vehicles are equipped with an automatically operated manual transmission marketed as "i-Shift." Due to a failure of the i-Shift system software, the system may try to mechanically release reverse gear before the clutch is disengaged which may damage the reverse shift holder. If the gearshift selector position is changed from N to A, double gear engagement may occur and the vehicle will not move forward, or if the shift lever is left in N, the clutch is engaged momentarily and the vehicle will move backward.

579.12(a)

Campaign Being Conducted in: See Attachment 1

Safety Recall or Other Safety Campaign: Safety Recall

Determination Made by: Honda

Date of Determination: May 24, 2012

Date Recall will Commence: June 16, 2012

Manufacturer's Program for Remedying the Noncompliance:

Dealers will update transmission control unit (TCU) software and inspect and replace the reverse shift holder if necessary. 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 Civic (3/5Door)	No identical or similar U.S. vehicle
2009-2011 Jazz	2009-11 Honda Fit

Reason U.S. Vehicles Not Affected

The U.S version of the 2009-11 Fit is not equipped with the i-Shift system and the U.S. did not sell a 3-door or 5-door Civic for 2009-11 model year. U.S. versions of the Civic were not equipped with the i-Shift system.

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

Austria	Latvia
Belarus	Lithuania
Belgium	Macedonia
Bulgaria	Malta
Canary	Netherlands
Ceuta	New Caledonia
Croatia	Norway
Cyprus	Poland
Czech Republic	Portugal
Denmark	Romania
Estonia	Russia
Finland	Serbia & Montenegro
France	Seychelles
French Polynesia	Slovakia
Germany	Slovenia
Gibraltar	Spain
Greece	Sweden
Hungary	Switzerland
Iceland	Tenerife
Ireland	Turkey
Israel	Ukraine
Italy	United Kingdom
La Reunion	