



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 04-053
Prompted By: NHTSA R&D Testing
Date Opened: 07/26/2004
Principal Investigator: Peter Ong
Subject: Frontal Driver Air Bag

Manufacturer: American Honda Motor Co., Inc.
Products: 2004 Honda Accord
Population: 240,193

Problem Description: The frontal driver air bag did not fully inflate during two NHTSA tests.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	0	0	0
Crashes/Fires:	0	0	0
Injury Incidents:	0	0	0
# Injuries:	0	0	0
Fatality Incidents:	0	0	0
# Fatalities:	0	0	0
Other*:	2	0	2

*Description Of Other: NHTSA R&D vehicle compatibility testing

Action: This Preliminary Evaluation has been opened.

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Summary: During two NHTSA research compatibility tests, the frontal driver side air bag failed to properly deploy due to a large tear in the air bag fabric.

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