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Office of Defects Investigation
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: PE11-034
2008-2010 Honda Odyssey
Power Liftgate

Dear Mr. Yon:

In reply to your letter dated September 30, 2011, we submitted our response regarding the allegations of failure of the power liftgate struts in model year (MY) 2008 through 2010 Honda Odyssey vehicles on November 22, 2011. We will not be submitting any data for the 2008 MY Odyssey EX-L because this trim level was not equipped with a power liftgate.

Today, we are submitting our attachments for question #15 along with our revised response to question #15. For your convenience, I am enclosing a CD containing Honda's complete response to PE11-034.

15. Describe any variation in the power liftgate operation that can be programmed in the power liftgate control module in the subject vehicles.

Response:

The software control specification was changed for the 2009 model year to reduce power consumption when the power liftgate is not in use. The change consisted of setting the ECU to transition to a partial sleep condition and disable communication between the ECU and frame-related CAN BUS when power liftgate operation is not necessary and the liftgate is in the opened position. At the same time, the ECU was set to "wake up" more quickly to return to normal operating condition when the power liftgate is required.

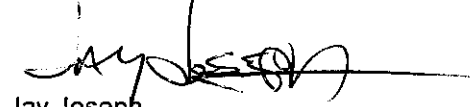
These changes are outlined in further detail in the attached documents (See Attachment #Q15)

Model year 2008 specifications: 7497Z-SHJ-A620-M1, issued February 23, 2007

Model year 2009 specifications: 7497Z-SHJ-A630-M1

Sincerely,

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Attachments