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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 15-029
Date Opened: 08/18/2015
Investigator: Brian Smith
Approver: Otto Matheke
Subject: SRS Module Failure
Reviewer: Scott Yon

MANUFACTURER & PRODUCT INFORMATION

Manufacturer: Honda (American Honda Motor Co.)
Products: 2008 Honda Accord
Population: 384,000 (Estimated)

Problem Description: Malfunction of the air bag control module may prevent air bags from deploying in a crash. This malfunction causes the air bag status/readiness indicator lamp to illuminate and the air bag system remains disabled until repaired.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	19	TBD	TBD
Crashes/Fires:	1	TBD	TBD
Injury Incidents:	1	TBD	TBD
Number of Injuries:	1	TBD	TBD
Fatality Incidents:	0	TBD	TBD
Number of Fatalities:	0	TBD	TBD

ACTION / SUMMARY INFORMATION

Action: Open this Preliminary Evaluation

Summary:

ODI has identified 19 VOQ reports alleging failure of the air bag SRS control module. One of the reports involved a frontal crash event where the frontal air bags did not deploy. The crash resulted in an injury to the driver and lone occupant, and the vehicle was subsequently inspected by the agency. According to the reports, the failure of the SRS module is indicated by the air bag readiness indicator lamp illuminating on the instrument panel. Consumers report the SRS control module had to be replaced to correct the condition. Several reports indicated that the SRS module was unable to communicate thus preventing diagnostic trouble codes from being retrieved. An inability of the SRS unit to communicate raises concern about the readiness of the entire supplemental restraints system. As a result, for vehicles with a failed SRS module, some or all of the air bags may be unavailable in a crash warranting deployment.

ODI is opening this investigation to further evaluate the scope, frequency, and consequence of the alleged SRS module failures.

The VOQ reports cited above can be reviewed online at <http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/owners/SearchNHTSAID> under the following identification numbers: 10733519, 10715339, 10703521, 10676517, 10653157, 10648611, 10633431, 10629318, 10627454, 10606626, 10604360, 10583069, 10578211, 10533114, 10500547, 10480012, 10462403, 10457826, 10441706.