



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



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Defect Petition DP26001

Dear Mr. Mammarella

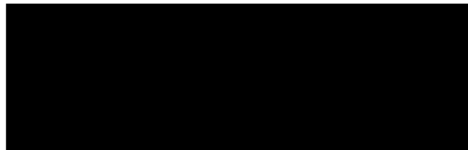
This correspondence responds to your defect petition dated January 9, 2026. Your Petition requested the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) investigate the loss of All-Wheel Drive (AWD) in the 2021-2023MY Acura TLX and the 2022-2023MY Acura MDX. Your allegation is that the loss of the AWD feature causes an unexpected loss of traction.

NHTSA's Office of Defect Investigation (ODI) evaluated your petition using the following information related to the effect of the loss of AWD on vehicle direction control: 1) consumer complaints submitted by the petitioner; 2) consumer complaint information in NHTSA's databases; and 3) other relevant information in possession of the agency. After completing this evaluation, we have concluded that it is unlikely that additional investigation would result in finding that a defect related to motor vehicle safety exists.

After full consideration of the potential for finding a safety related defect, we are denying your petition. A detailed summary of ODI's analysis of the issue presented by your Petition will be published in the Federal Register. You can find it at <https://www.federalregister.gov/> using DP26001 as a search term. Further, the Closing Resume will be published on NHTSA's website. You can use this link with the search term DP26001. <https://www.nhtsa.gov/resources-investigations-recalls>

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.

Sincerely,



Tanya Topka
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Office of Defects Investigation