

Acura DCS message #138:

99V-227

DATE: August 18, 1999  
TO: All Sales, Service & Parts Managers  
FROM: American Honda Service Division  
RE: Recall Announcement and Stop Sale order.

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Honda Motor Co. Ltd., will announce to NHTSA (National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration) later today (8/18/99) its intention to recall approximately 95,000 1996-98 RL/TL's and some 1999 RL's produced through mid-June in order to replace the Extension Shaft Sealing Bolt.

The 36mm sealing bolt located on the side of the transmission housing can loosen and fall out, allowing the transmission to disengage from the differential. If this condition occurs, the vehicle would lose power to the drive wheels without warning. Also, shifting the transmission into the Park position would not lock the wheels, and a parked vehicle could move unexpectedly if the parking brake is not set.

Some of the 1999 RL's affected by this recall are in dealer inventory or in-transit to the dealer. By Federal Law, any 1999 RL with a VIN below XC012695 CANNOT be sold or leased until it is repaired. AH parts will allocate recall replacement sealing bolts equal to the number of unsold vehicles in your inventory as of 8/16/99.

On August 19, 1999, we will mail/ship the following Extension Shaft Sealing Bolt Recall support items to your dealership:

1. Recall Service Bulletin # 99-038
2. Parts Information Bulletin
3. Strategy Letter

An additional allocation of sealing bolts will be made prior to the August 30th mailing of the Customer Recall Notification Letter.

Again, vehicles with a VIN below XC012695 CANNOT be sold or leased until it is repaired.

Thank you.

Thank you,

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Acura Division  
American Honda Motor Co., Inc.

August 20, 1999

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Dear Service Manager:

Enclosed is the following service publication:

**Campaign Responsibility Report for 1996-99 3.5RL/1996-98 3.2TL Extension Shaft Sealing Bolt Safety Recall Campaign**

Of the 1996-99 3.5RL/1996-98 3.2TL reported as delivered to your dealership, those eligible for this campaign *but not yet fixed* are listed in the left-hand column. Some of them may have a two-letter code under the heading "UNIT STAT". A complete listing of these codes and what they mean is on page 7-2 of your Dealer Operations Manual.

Please contact the owner and encourage them to immediately schedule a repair appointment to have the work done free of charge.

If you have any questions, please contact your District Technical Manager.

Sincerely,

**AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO., INC.**  
Acura Automobile Division

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**Acura DCS message #141 went out on 8-23-99:**

**DATE :** August 23, 1999  
**TO :** All Acura Sales, Service & Parts Managers  
**FROM:** American Honda Service Division  
**RE :** Extension Shaft Sealing Bolt Recall.

On August 19, 1999, we mailed you Service Bulletin (S/B) # 99-038, Extension Shaft Sealing Bolt Recall. Unfortunately, there was an error regarding where to center-punch the completion mark.

The correct location is above the 5th position of the engine compartment Vehicle Identification Number (VIN).

The 5th position of the VIN is the alpha character "A".

Please hand-write this change on your copy of S/B 99-038. We will republish S/B 99-038 shortly.

Thank you,

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## Parts Information Bulletin

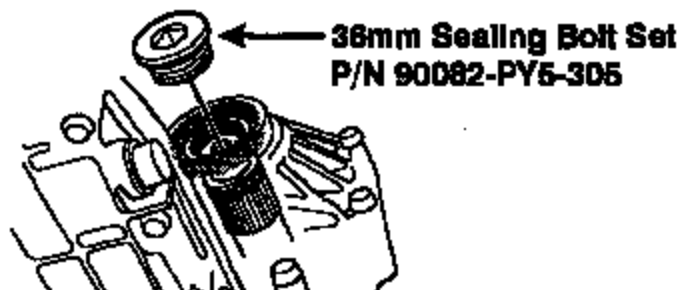
### RECALL Repair Parts: 36mm Sealing Bolt Set 1996-98 3.2TL and 1996-99 3.5RL

This bulletin supports Acura Service Bulletin 99-038 dated 8/19/99. Please refer to that bulletin for technical details, installation procedure, and warranty information.

The 36mm sealing bolt on the side of the transmission housing on affected vehicles may loosen and fall out. If this occurs, the extension shaft may back out and disconnect from the differential. This condition causes the vehicle to lose power to the drive wheels without warning. Also, shifting the transmission into Park would not lock the wheels, and a parked vehicle could move unexpectedly if the parking brake is not set. The Sealing Bolt Set listed below is available to upgrade affected vehicles.

#### AFFECTED VEHICLES

- 1996-98 3.2TL .... ALL
- 1996-98 3.5RL .... ALL      1999 3.5RL.... Thru VIN JH4KA9...XC012694



#### ORDERING INFORMATION

DESCRIPTION	P/N	D/N	S/R
36mm Sealing Bolt Set <sup>(1)</sup>	90082-PY5-305	\$1.71	\$2.85

(1) The Set consists of one 36mm Sealing Bolt and an O-ring.

Prices, specifications, and availability are subject to change without notice.

**AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO., INC.**  
**Parts Division**

Bulletin Number	Issue Date	Application
B99-0015	8-19-99	(4) Recall / EPS Section 02
Routing	<input type="checkbox"/> General Manager <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parts Manager	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Service Manager <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parts Counterperson <input type="checkbox"/> Technician <input type="checkbox"/> Sales Manager