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NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION
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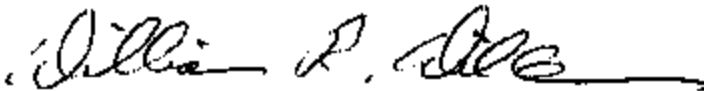
RE: 00V-184

Dear Mr. White:

In accordance with our campaign to correct a safety defect related to the rear suspension of 2000 model year Honda Accord automobiles, we are submitting a copy of the dealer bulletin, which also includes the text of the customer letter.

Sincerely,

AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO., INC.



William R. Willen
Managing Counsel
Product Regulatory Office

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Enclosure



Applies To: 2000 Accord – See VEHICLES AFFECTED

July 7, 2000

Safety Recall: Accord Rear Suspension**BACKGROUND**

Some rear suspension lower arms and/or control arms may break because the parts were inadequately welded.

VEHICLES AFFECTED

2000 Accord L4, US Production only

4-door:

DX – From VIN 1HGCF8...YA065919 thru
1HGCF8...YA1035B4

LX, EX – From VIN 1HGCG...YA085544 thru
1HGCG...YA103642

2-door: From VIN 1HGCG3...YA012205 thru
1HGCG3...YA015366

CUSTOMER NOTIFICATION

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Some of the affected vehicles may still be in dealer inventory. By Federal law, these vehicles cannot be sold or leased until they are repaired.

CORRECTIVE ACTION

Determine the lot number of the rear suspension lower arms and control arms. Replace any arm that has the affected lot number.

PARTS INFORMATION

Lower Arm: P/N 52360-S84-A01, H/C 5615828

Control Arm: P/N 52380-S84-A01, H/C 5749585

WARRANTY CLAIM INFORMATION

OP#	Description	FRT
422505	Inspect lower arms and control arms, center-punch VIN	0.3
419122	Inspect, replace one arm, realign rear suspension	0.9
419123	Inspect, replace two arms, realign rear suspension	1.0
419124	Inspect, replace three arms, realign rear suspension	1.1
419125	Inspect, replace four arms, realign rear suspension	1.2

Failed Part: P/N 52350-S84-A01
H/C 5615828

Defect Code: 744

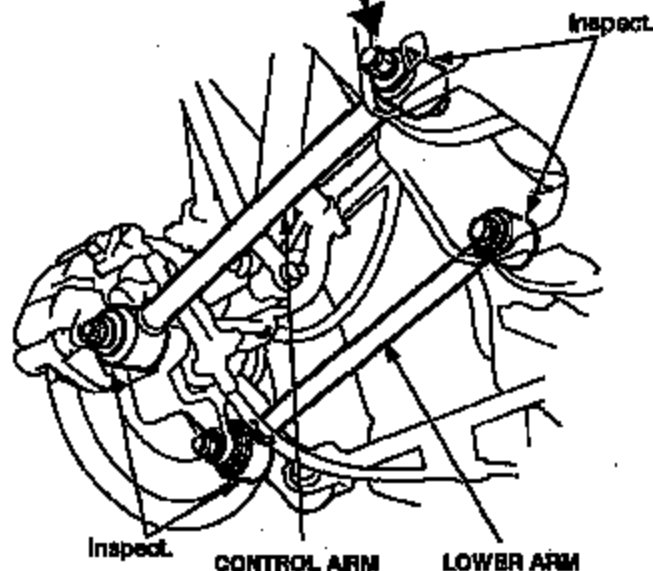
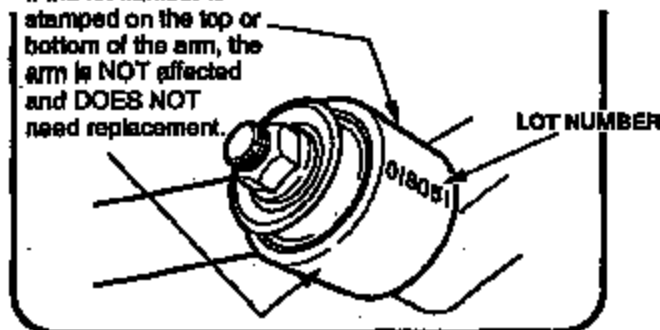
Contention Code: K93

Skill Level: Repair Technician

INSPECTION PROCEDURE

1. Raise the vehicle on a hoist.
2. Use contact cleaner and a shop towel to clean any undercoating off the ends of the rear suspension lower arms and control arms.
3. Use a mirror to inspect the ends of the lower arms and control arms to determine the lot number of each arm. The lot number is stamped on only one end of each arm.
 - If the lot number of the end of the arm is 018051, go to REPAIR PROCEDURE.
 - If the lot number is not 018051, or the lot number is on the top or bottom of the arm, the arm does not need replacing. If all four arms pass inspection, center-punch the VIN and return the vehicle to the customer (see step 3 of REPAIR PROCEDURE).

If the lot number is stamped on the top or bottom of the arm, the arm is NOT affected and DOES NOT need replacement.



REPAIR PROCEDURE

1. Replace all lower arms and control arms that have a lot number of 018051. Refer to page 18-29 of the 1998-00 Accord Service Manual for the replacement procedure.
2. Realign the rear suspension.
3. Center-punch a completion mark above the third character (G) of the engine compartment VIN.

Center-punch here.

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July 2000

Safety Recall: Accord Rear Suspension

Dear Accord Owner:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

What is the reason for this notice?

Honda Motor Co., Ltd. has determined that a defect relating to motor vehicle safety exists in some 2000 model year Accord automobiles. Some Accords were manufactured with rear suspension lower arms and/or control arms that may break because the parts were inadequately welded. Although there is no danger of losing the wheel if a rear suspension arm breaks, vehicle handling and control would be reduced, and a crash could occur.

What should you do?

Call any authorized Honda automobile dealer and make an appointment to have your vehicle inspected. If the dealer determines from this inspection that any rear suspension lower arms or control arms are defective, they will be replaced. *This inspection and any necessary repairs will be done free of charge.* Please plan to leave your vehicle for half a day to allow the dealer flexibility in scheduling.

Who to contact if you experience problems.

If you are not satisfied with the service you receive from your Honda dealer, you may write to:

American Honda Motor Co., Inc.
Honda Consumer Affairs Dept.
Mail Stop 500-2N-7D
1919 Torrance Blvd.
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If you believe American Honda or the dealer has failed or is unable to remedy the defect in your vehicle, without charge, within a reasonable period of time (60 days from the date you first contact the dealer for a repair appointment) you may submit a complaint to:

Administrator
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Or call the toll-free Auto Safety Hotline at (800) 424-8383. Residents of Washington D.C. should call (202) 386-0123.

What to do if you feel this notice is in error.

Our records show that you are the current owner or lessee of an Accord involved in this recall. If this is not the case, or the name/address information is not correct, please fill out and return the enclosed, postage-paid *Information Change Card*. We will then update our records.

If you have questions.

If you have any questions about this notice, or need assistance with contacting a Honda dealer, please call the Honda Consumer Affairs Department at (800) 999-1009.

We apologize for any inconvenience that this may cause you.

Sincerely,
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Honda Automobile Division

**Safety Recall: Accord Rear Suspension**
(Supersedes 00-060, dated July 7, 2000)

R 00V-184

BACKGROUND

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VEHICLES AFFECTED

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thru 1HGCG*...YA103642
(*CG5 and CG6 only)

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CORRECTIVE ACTION

Determine the lot number of the rear suspension lower arms and control arms. Replace any arm that has the affected lot number.

If the customer does not have a notification of this recall, do a VIN Status Inquiry on DCS to verify that the vehicle is eligible. Claims submitted for repairing ineligible vehicles will be denied.

PARTS INFORMATION

Lower Arm: P/N 52350-S84-A01

Control Arm: P/N 52380-S84-A01

WARRANTY CLAIM INFORMATION

OP#	Description	PRT
422506	Inspect lower arms and control arms, center-punch VIN	0.3
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Failed Part: P/N 52350-S84-A01
H/C 5615828

Defect Code: 744

Contention Code: K83

Skill Level: Repair Technician

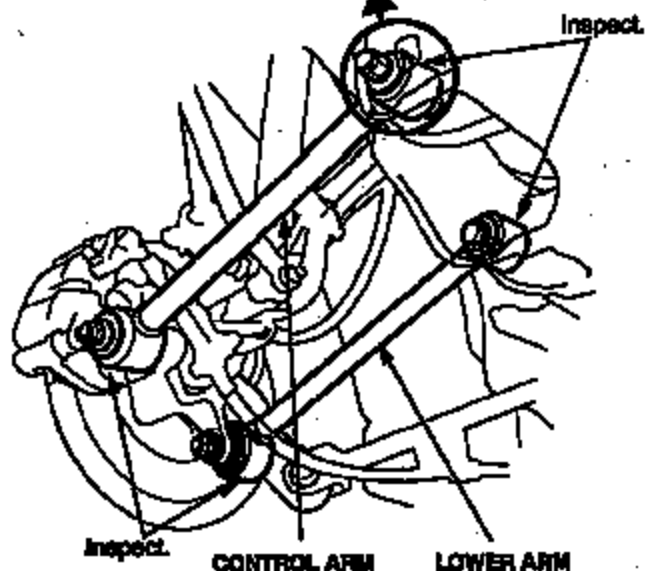
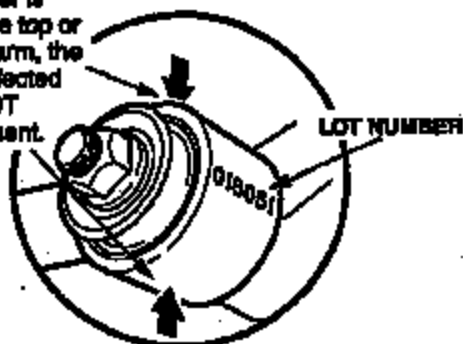
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REPAIR PROCEDURE

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(Supersedes 00-060, dated August 8, 2000)*R**00V-184***BACKGROUND**

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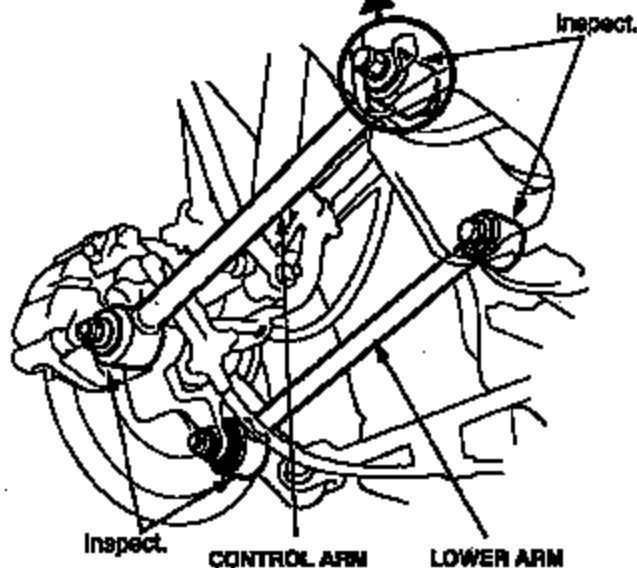
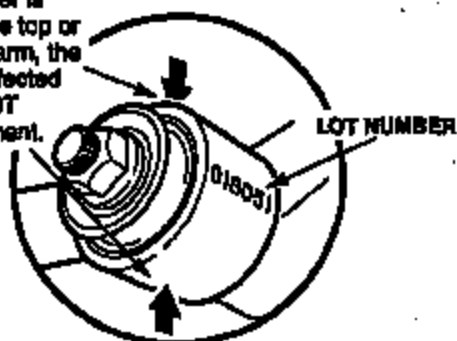
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