

June 2002

**Important Safety Recall Notice:  
3.5RL Brake Light Switch**

Dear 3.5RL 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 the brake light switch on certain 2000, 2001, and 2002 3.5RLs. During the manufacturing process, oil was applied to the brake pedal assembly to prevent rust. This oil can leak into the brake light switch and contaminate the electrical contacts. Eventually, your brake lights will not illuminate when the brakes are applied, which increases the risk of a crash.

**What should you do?**

Call any authorized Acura automobile dealer and make an appointment to have your car repaired. The dealer will clean any excess oil from the brake pedal assembly and replace the brake light switch, free of charge. Please plan to leave your car for at least half a day to allow the dealer flexibility in scheduling.

**⚠ WARNING**

Do not drive your car if the brake lights are inoperative.

Drivers following behind your car may not be able to determine that you are braking and may collide with the back of your car. Rear-end collisions can cause serious injuries or death.

Until the brake light switch has been replaced, check the brake lights once a day by having someone look at the lights while you step on the brake pedal. Do not drive your car if the brake lights are not working; not only is this unsafe, it is illegal in every state, and you could be cited. If the brake lights do not work or are very dim, contact your Acura dealer to arrange to have your car towed to the dealership.

**Who to contact if you experience problems.**

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

American Honda Motor Co., Inc.  
Acura Client Services Department  
Mail Stop 500-2N-7D  
1919 Torrance Blvd.  
Torrance, CA 90501-2746

If you believe that 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  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
400 Seventh Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20590

Or call the toll-free Auto Safety Hotline at (888) 327-4236.

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

Our records show that you are the current owner or lessee of a 2000-02 3.5RL involved in this recall. If this is not the case, or the name/address information is incorrect, please fill out and return the included, postage-paid *Information Change Card*. This will help us to update our records.

**If you have questions.**

If you have questions about this notice, or need assistance with contacting an Acura dealer, please call Acura Client Services at (800) 382-2238.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you.

Sincerely,

**American Honda Motor Co., Inc.  
Acura Automobile Division**