



Applies To: **2000 3.5RL** – From VIN JH4KA9...YC006944 thru JH4KA9...YC016470
2001 3.5RL – ALL
2002 3.5RL – From VIN JH4KA9...2C000011 thru JH4KA9...2C012956

May 20, 2002

Safety Recall: Brake Pedal Position Switch
 (Supersedes 02-013, dated May 13, 2002)

BACKGROUND

During the manufacturing process, a rust preventive oil was applied to the brake pedal assembly. This oil can leak into the brake pedal position switch and cause the switch to malfunction. As a result, the brake lights may not come on when the brake pedal is pressed.

CUSTOMER NOTIFICATION

All owners of affected vehicles will be mailed a notification of this recall when sufficient parts are available. An example of the customer notification is at the end of this service bulletin.

Some affected vehicles are in dealer inventory, some are in transit to the dealers, and some may be in your used vehicle inventory. **According to Federal law, these vehicles cannot be sold or leased until they are repaired.**

CORRECTIVE ACTION

Wipe off the oil from the brake pedal assembly, and replace the brake pedal position switch.

PARTS INFORMATION

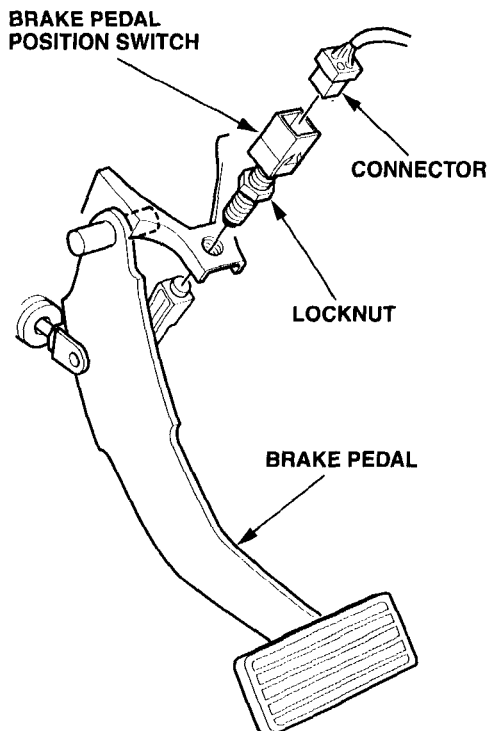
Brake Pedal Position Switch: P/N 36750-S04-308

WARRANTY CLAIM INFORMATION

Operation Number: 726105
 Flat Rate Time: 0.3 hour
 Failed Part: P/N 36750-S04-003
 Defect Code: 5BS
 Contention Code: L54
 Template ID: 02-013A
 Skill Level: Repair Technician

REPAIR PROCEDURE

1. Disconnect the harness connector from the brake pedal position switch.

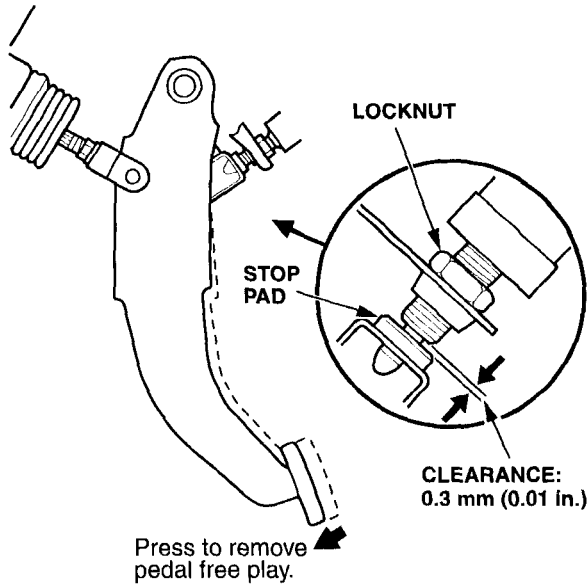


2. Loosen the locknut at the end of the switch, then unscrew the switch and remove it.
3. Wipe off any excess oil on or around the brake pedal assembly and linkage with a clean shop towel. Pay particular attention to the brake pedal stop pad and the threaded hole for the switch.



CUSTOMER INFORMATION: The information in this bulletin is intended for use only by skilled technicians who have the proper tools, equipment, and training to correctly and safely maintain your vehicle. These procedures should not be attempted by "do-it-yourselfers," and you should not assume this bulletin applies to your vehicle, or that your vehicle has the condition described. To determine whether this information applies, contact an authorized Acura automobile dealer.

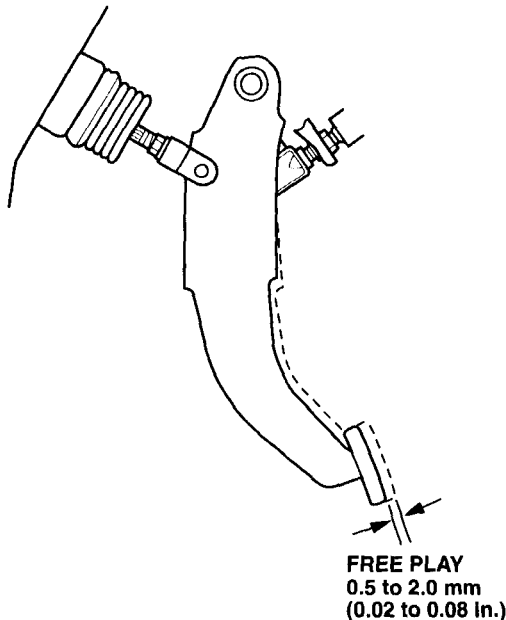
- Screw the new switch into the base until the switch plunger is fully depressed and the threaded end of the switch lightly contacts the stop pad. Then unscrew the switch 1/4 turn, and tighten its locknut.



- Check the clearance between the threaded end of the switch and the stop pad while you press lightly on the brake pedal with your hand to remove pedal free play. The clearance between the threaded end and the stop pad should be 0.3 mm (0.01 in.).
- Check the brake pedal free play by lightly pushing the pedal with your hand. The free play should be 0.5 to 2.0 mm (0.02 to 0.08 in.).

NOTE: Incorrect free play may cause the brakes to drag.

- If the free play is OK, go to step 7.
- If the free play is out of specification, readjust the brake pedal position switch.



- Reconnect the harness connector to the switch.
- Check the brake lights. They should come on when you press the brake pedal and go off when you release it.
- Start the engine. Make sure the MIL, the VSA indicator, and the ABS indicator go off after a few seconds. If they don't, clear the DTC(s) (see section 19 of the appropriate service manual).
- Center-punch a completion mark above the first character of the engine compartment VIN.

Center-punch here.

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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**