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Sent On	11	18	2004	Expires On	11	27	2004
From	Honda Parts and Service National						
Subject	Stop Sales on 04-05 Accord Sedans Airbag Recall						

DATE: November 18, 2004

TO: All Honda Sales, Service & Parts Managers

FROM: American Honda Service Division

RE: Campaign Announcement and Stop Sale Order

Honda Motor Co., Ltd., has announced to NHTSA (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration) its intention to recall selected 2004-05 Accord sedans equipped with four-cylinder engines in order to add a protective cover to the airbag.

Basic Problem: The 2004 Accord complies with all current requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 208, "Occupant Crash Protection." However, in the specific conditions of one research test configuration, a tear in the fabric of the driver's front airbag occurred after apparent contact with the inside surface of the airbag cover during deployment. A torn airbag may not offer the same level of protection, thereby increasing the risk of injury to the driver. No consumer incidents have been reported.

Stop-Sale Order: Applies to all 2004 Accord sedans equipped with four-cylinder engines and 2005 Accord sedans equipped with four-cylinder engines up to VIN:

- HAM-built up to 1HGCM5...5A023044
- Japan-built up to JHMCM5...5C005196
- Mexican-built up to 3HGCM5...5G700722

Vehicles within the VIN range CANNOT be sold or leased with a known defect. Vehicles with VINs above those listed, Accord coupes, and sedans equipped with V6 engines, are not affected by this stop sale order and may be sold.

NOTE: It is illegal to sell or lease a vehicle with a known defect. If any affected vehicle with a known defect is sold/leased to a retail customer, the dealership will be entirely responsible for all legal consequences should an injury occur as a result of a failure of the defective part.

Support Materials: The recall repair service bulletin (04-072) will be on ISIS Friday morning (11/19/04).

Campaign Parts: AH Parts Division will FedEx every Honda Dealership a quantity of repair kits equal to 100% of their new car unsold vehicle inventory. Additional repair kits to fix customer vehicles will be shipped at a later date.

Repair Strategy: Install an airbag protective cover between the driver's airbag and the airbag cover. **Do not attempt repair** under any circumstance until you have received, read, and understand Service Bulletin 04-072. Improper handling of an airbag could cause unintended deployment.

Customer Notification: Approximately 250,000 vehicles are affected by this Recall Campaign. Notifications will be mailed to all known owners between December 6, and December 17, 2004. You will be notified of the exact customer mailing date by iN Message.

INTERACTIVE NETWORK

Thank you.

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Sent On 11 19 2004 **Expires On** 11 28 2004
From Honda Parts and Service National
Subject Stop Sale on 04-05 Accord Airbag Recall #2

DATE: November 19, 2004
TO: All Honda Sales, Service & Parts Managers
FROM: American Honda Service Division
RE: Campaign Follow-up and Stop Sale Order

Yesterday (11/18/04), we sent you a stop sale order that affected all of the vehicles listed below. Due to a dating anomaly in the VIN Inquiry System, VINs checked before 1 PM PST (4 PM EST) did not display the airbag campaign information. Please recheck any VIN you inputted prior to 1 PM PST today, November 19, 2004.

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