

July 2004

**Safety Recall: Accord LX V6
Instrument Panel Lighting**

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 decided that a defect relating to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2000-2001 model year Accord LX V6 vehicles. Over time, the dimmer control for the instrument panel could fail due to heat buildup. If this happens, the instrument panel lights may fail and, at night, you may not be able to see the instrument panel gauges, such as the speedometer. This condition can result in driver distraction or the vehicle being driven at an illegal speed. All critical system indicator lights (for example, SRS, seat belt reminder, turn signals, and charging system) are unaffected and would continue to function.

What should you do?

Call any authorized Honda dealer and make an appointment to have your vehicle repaired. The dealer will replace a multiplex control unit for the instrument panel lights. This repair 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-7A
1919 Torrance Blvd.
Torrance, CA 90501-2746

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 (90 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 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 2000-01 Accord LX involved in this campaign. 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 paid to have a defective multiplex control unit replaced sometime in the past, you may be eligible for reimbursement. Refer to the attached *Instructions for Reimbursement* for eligibility requirements and the reimbursement procedure.

Lessor Information.

Federal law requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within 10 days.

If you have questions.

If you have any questions about this notice, or need assistance with contacting a Honda dealer, please call Honda Automobile Customer Service at (800) 899-1009, and select option #2.

We apologize for any inconvenience this campaign may cause you.

Sincerely,

American Honda Motor Co., Inc.
Honda Automobile Division