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## Safety Recall: Anti-Lock Brake System

Dear Odyssey Owner:

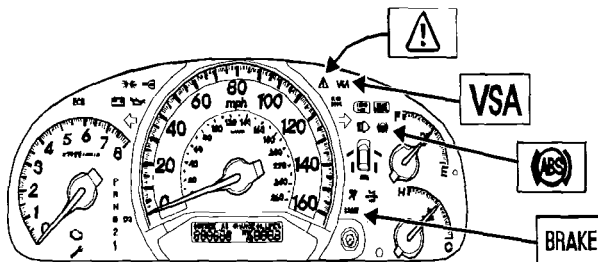
This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

### What is the reason for this notice?

Honda Motor Co., Ltd., has decided that a defect relating to motor vehicle safety exists in the anti-lock brake system (ABS) of certain 2005 model year Odysseys. The ABS uses a sensor on each wheel to detect wheel speed. Some sensors on the rear wheels were improperly installed, which means the sensor may report the wrong wheel speed to the ABS control unit. As a result, it is possible in a panic-braking situation (ABS functioning) for the control unit to trigger a loss of brakes. An unexpected loss of brakes can cause a crash. Normal braking (non-ABS) is not affected.

Your vehicle has an on-board diagnostic system that will quickly identify the wheel speed error under most driving conditions and, on some vehicles, cause several indicators on the instrument panel to come on (see illustration). When the indicators are on, ABS is disabled to temporarily eliminate the problem. If you activate the ABS before the warning indicators come on, brake loss could occur.

If the BRAKE, ABS, and VSA indicators come on, it means your vehicle has an improperly installed wheel sensor, and you should contact your dealer immediately. When these indicators are on, the brakes still work, but without the anti-lock function. The vehicle stability assist (VSA) system will also shut off. Please refer to your owner's manual for more information (pages 300-301).



### What should you do?

Call any authorized Honda dealer and make an appointment to have your vehicle inspected. The dealer will inspect the rear wheel speed sensors for proper installation. If either sensor is improperly installed, the dealer will replace all needed parts. The inspection and any repairs will be done free of charge. Please plan to leave your vehicle for at least 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 Automobile Customer Service  
Mail Stop 500-2N-7A  
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 St., 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 2005 Odyssey 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.

### 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) 999-1009, and select menu option #2.

We apologize for any inconvenience this campaign may cause you.

Sincerely,

American Honda Motor Co., Inc.  
Honda Automobile Division