

December 3, 2004

Dear Service Manager:

Honda Motor Co., LTD has announced a safety recall campaign for certain 2005 Civic Si vehicles.

Some front seat belt anchors may have been installed with an incorrect washer, which could restrict anchor movement. As a result, the seat belt may be improperly positioned on certain occupants. An improperly positioned belt could increase the risk of injury in a crash.

Customer Notification

Notifications will be mailed to all 271 known owners the week of December 6.

Affected Vehicles

For the affected VINs, refer to Service Bulletin 04-071, *Safety Recall: Civic Si Seat Belt Lower Anchors*. Not all vehicles within the VIN range are affected by this recall. Before beginning work on a vehicle, verify its eligibility by checking at least one of these items:

- The customer has a notification letter.
- The vehicle is shown on your campaign responsibility report.
- The vehicle is shown as eligible on an iN VIN status inquiry.

Some vehicles affected by this recall are in your new vehicle inventory. **According to federal law, these vehicles cannot be sold or leased until they are repaired.** To see if a vehicle is affected by this recall, do a VIN status inquiry before selling it.

Repair Strategy

The repair is to inspect the movement of the front seat belt lower anchors and, if either one binds or sticks, replace the wave washer and the toothed lock washer on the anchor(s). For inspection, repair, and warranty information, refer to S/B 04-071.

Parts Information

In November, parts were sent out to cover all stop-sale vehicles and most customer vehicles. Additional parts are now available through open ordering.

Sincerely,

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



Applies To: 2005 Civic Si – From VIN SHHEP3...5U500001 thru SHHEP3...5U500345

December 3, 2004

Safety Recall: Civic Si Seat Belt Lower Anchors (Supersedes preliminary service bulletin 04-071, dated November 19, 2004)

BACKGROUND

Some front seat belt anchors may have been installed with an incorrect washer, which could restrict anchor movement. As a result, the seat belt may be improperly positioned on certain occupants. An improperly positioned belt could increase the risk of injury in a crash.

CUSTOMER NOTIFICATION

All owners of affected vehicles will be sent a notification of this campaign. An example of the customer notification is at the end of this service bulletin.

Not all vehicles within the VIN range are affected by this recall. **Before beginning work on a vehicle, verify its eligibility by checking at least one of these items:**

- The customer has a notification letter.
- The vehicle is shown on your campaign responsibility report.
- The vehicle is shown as eligible on an iN VIN status inquiry.

In addition to the bulleted verification items, check for a punch mark above the first character of the engine compartment VIN. A punch mark in that location means this safety recall campaign has already been completed.

Some vehicles affected by this recall may be in your new car inventory. **According to federal law, these vehicles cannot be sold or leased until they are repaired.** To see if a vehicle is affected by this recall, do a VIN status inquiry before selling it.

CORRECTIVE ACTION

Check the movement of both front seat belt lower anchors. If the anchors move smoothly, center-punch the engine compartment VIN, and return the vehicle to the customer. If the anchors bind or stick, replace the wave washer and toothed lock washer inside the anchor.

PARTS INFORMATION

Wave Washer Kit: P/N 06810-S5T-006, H/C 7945835

REQUIRED MATERIALS

Hondalock 2 Threadlock:
P/N 08713-0002, H/C 2963833
(One bottle repairs up to 50 vehicles.)

WARRANTY CLAIM INFORMATION

OP#	Description	FRT	TemplateID
854533	Inspect front seat belt anchors.	0.2	04-071A
854112	Inspect front seat belt anchors; install one seat belt anchor washer kit.	0.4	04-071B
854113	Inspect front seat belt anchors; install two seat belt anchor washer kits.	0.6	04-071C

Failed Part: P/N 06810-S5T-006
H/C 7945835

Defect Code: 5FH00

Symptom Code: P5500

Skill Level: Repair Technician

REPAIR PROCEDURE

NOTE: SRS components are located near the seat belt anchors. Before doing any work, review the SRS component locations, precautions, and procedures in the 2002–05 Civic Hatchback Service Manual.

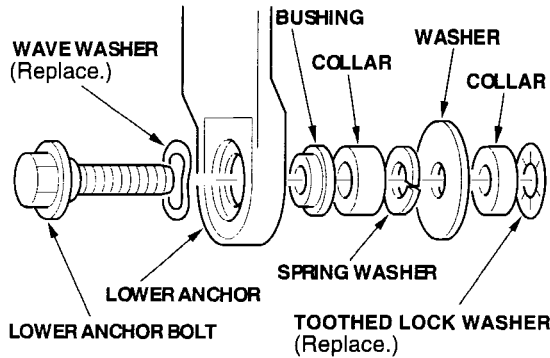
1. Check the movement of the driver's and the front passenger's lower seat belt anchors. The anchors should move smoothly back and forth without binding or sticking.
 - If both lower seat belt anchors move smoothly, go to step 9.
 - If either seat belt anchor binds or sticks, go to step 2.



- Remove the lower anchor cap and the lower anchor bolt. Keep the anchor bolt washers and collars in their exact order.

NOTE: The seat belt anchor bolts are installed with several washers and collars that must be kept in exact order for the anchor to work. Before you remove an anchor bolt, study the anchor bolt diagram carefully.

Lower anchor bolt installation



- Disassemble the anchor bolt, then discard the wave washer and the toothed lock washer.
- Reassemble the anchor bolt in the correct order with a new wave washer and a new toothed lock washer.
- Make sure there are no twists or kinks in the seat belt.
- Apply Hondalock 2 Threadlock to the anchor bolt threads. Reinstall the bolt by hand, and then torque it to 32 N·m (24 lb-ft).
- Reinstall the lower anchor cap.
- If needed, repeat steps 2 thru 7 on the other lower seat belt anchor.
- Center-punch a completion mark above the first character of the engine compartment VIN.

Center-punch here.

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Example of Customer Letter

December 2004

Safety Recall: Seat Belt Lower Anchors

Dear Civic Si Owner:

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

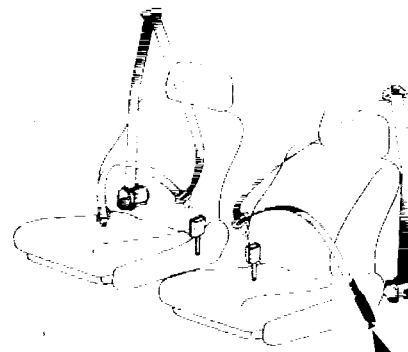
What is the reason for this notice?

Honda Motor Co., Ltd., has decided that a defect relating to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2005 Civic Si vehicles. Some front seat belt anchors may have been installed with an incorrect washer, which could restrict anchor movement. As a result, the seat belt may be improperly positioned on certain occupants. An improperly positioned belt could increase the risk of injury in a crash.

What should you do?

Inspect Your Front Seat Belt Anchors

As soon as possible, check the movement of the driver's and front passenger's seat belt lower anchors. The lower anchors are between the seat and the door, bolted below the door (see the illustration below). Both anchors should move freely without binding or sticking. If either anchor binds or sticks, your vehicle needs to be repaired.



LOWER ANCHOR



If Your Seat Belt Anchors Are Not Affected

If neither front seat belt lower anchor binds or sticks, please complete and mail the enclosed, postage-paid *Customer Response Card*. Federal regulations require the manufacturer to record recall inspection and repair information for each potentially affected vehicle. If you do not return the card, you may receive additional reminder requests.

If Your Front Seat Belt Anchors Need Repair

If either front seat belt lower anchor binds or sticks, you should promptly call any authorized Honda dealer and make an appointment to have your vehicle repaired. The dealer will replace all necessary parts *free of charge*. Please plan to leave your vehicle for at least half a day to allow the dealer flexibility in scheduling.

If You Need Help With the Seat Belt Anchor Inspection

If you are not comfortable inspecting the seat belt lower anchor movement yourself, please call any authorized Honda dealer and make an appointment to have your vehicle inspected.

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 Civic Si 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 already paid to have a seat belt lower anchor repaired, you may be eligible for reimbursement. Refer to the attached *Request 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) 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**