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NVS-215KJS
05E-035

Subject: DEALER ACCESSORY TRAILER HARNESS KIT

Dear MR. WILLEN:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect or noncompliance information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information will be made accessible to the public.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

HONDA/ELEMENT/2005
HONDA/TRAILER HARNESS KIT/9999

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05E-035

Recall Date: May 13, 2005

Components:

EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 14,967

Summary:

CERTAIN HONDA ACCESSORY TRAILER HARNESS KITS, P/N 08L91-SCV-102, MANUFACTURED BETWEEN NOVEMBER 24 AND DECEMBER 18, 2004, AND SOLD FOR USE ON MY 2005 HONDA ELEMENT VEHICLES MANUFACTURED BETWEEN DECEMBER 20, 2004, AND APRIL 29, 2005. THE WIRE HARNESS OF THE TRAILER HITCH KIT HAS AN INCORRECTLY WIRED CONNECTOR. AS A RESULT, THE TRAILER BRAKE LAMPS AND TURN SIGNAL LAMPS COULD OPERATE INCORRECTLY, OR A FUSE COULD BLOW CAUSING A SUDDEN LOSS OF BRAKE AND TURN SIGNAL LAMP FUNCTION.

Consequence:

IMPROPER SIGNALING OR A LOSS OF TRAILER WARNING LAMP FUNCTION WITHOUT WARNING COULD CAUSE A VEHICLE CRASH, POSSIBLY RESULTING IN INJURIES.

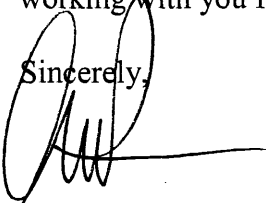
Remedy:

HONDA WILL NOTIFY ITS CUSTOMERS AND INSTRUCT THEM TO BRING THEIR VEHICLE TO A HONDA DEALER. THE DEALER WILL CORRECT THE CONNECTOR WIRING FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING MAY 2005. OWNERS WHO DO NOT RECEIVE THE FREE REMEDY WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME SHOULD CONTACT HONDA AT 310-783-2000.

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

Your contact for this recall will be KELLY SCHULER, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227 or by email at KSCHULER@NHTSA.DOT.GOV. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



/George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division