

# HONDA

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NHTSA ID: 03V-350

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Dear Mr. Medford:

On January 21, 2005, Honda Motor Co., Ltd. decided to amend recall campaign 03V-350 to add additional vehicles. The following information is submitted pursuant to the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

573.6(c)(1)

**Name of manufacturer:** Honda of America Manufacturing, Inc. (HAM)

**Manufacturer's agent:** William R. Willen  
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573.6(c)(2)

**Identification of potentially affected vehicles:**

| <u>Make/Model</u>   | <u>Description</u>      | <u>VINs/Dates of Manufacture</u>  |
|---|-------------------------|---|
| <del>These units will be inspected and, if necessary, repaired.</del> |                         |   |
| Honda GL1800/A  | Certain 2001 model year | 1HFSC470*1A000010 – 1HFSC470*1A006709<br>1HFSC474*1A000034 – 1HFSC474*1A002553<br>Oct. 1, 2000 to May 25, 2001    |
|   | Certain 2002 model year | 1HFSC470*2A100001 – 1HFSC470*2A111802<br>1HFSC474*2A100001 – 1HFSC474*2A102393<br>May 25, 2001 to Feb. 28, 2002   |
| <del>These units will be repaired. No inspection is required.</del>   |                         |   |
| Honda GL1800/A  | Certain 2003 model year | 1HFSC470*3A204861 – 1HFSC470*3A212217<br>1HFSC474*3A201127 – 1HFSC474*3A203256<br>Sept. 11, 2002 to Jun. 24, 2003 |
|   | Certain 2004 model year | 1HFSC470*4A300001 – 1HFSC470*4A301683<br>1HFSC474*4A300001 – 1HFSC474*4A300334<br>Jun. 24, 2003 to Sept. 19, 2003 |

**Description of the basis for the determination of the recall population:**

This recall population is an amendment to 03V-350 that adds additional vehicles. The initial recall range included frames manufactured with a specific welding process that resulted in potentially improper welds. Honda introduced a new manufacturing weld process at the time of the recall (countermeasure).

Market incidents involving vehicles outside the recall range revealed that another welding process could also have resulted in potentially improper welds. The expanded recall population includes frames produced using all welding processes prior to the countermeasure. Not all welds are suspect, but Honda plans to inspect all remaining frames produced prior to the countermeasure to ensure that no more potential weld problems exist.

**573.6(c)(3)**

|   |                      |                                     |
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| <b>Total number of vehicles potentially affected:</b> | <b>23,415</b>        | <b>Inspect, repair if necessary</b> |
|   | <b><u>11,504</u></b> | <b>Repair</b>                       |
|   | <b>34,919</b>        | <b>Total</b>                        |

**573.6(c)(4)**

**Percentage of affected vehicles that contain the defect:** Unknown

**573.6(c)(8)(i)**

**Program for remedying the defect:**

The owners of all affected vehicles will be contacted by mail and asked to take their motorcycle to a Honda dealer. The dealer will reinforce the welds on motorcycle frames within certain VIN ranges. All other affected motorcycles will be checked with a weld gauge to determine if the weld is sufficient. If the weld is not sufficient, the dealer will reinforce the welds. The inspection and any necessary repairs will be performed free of charge.

**573.6(c)(8)(ii)**

**The estimated date to e-mail preliminary notification to dealers:** Jan. 26, 2005

**The estimated date to provide service bulletin to dealers:** Feb. 10, 2005

**The estimated date to begin sending notifications to owners:** Feb. 15, 2005

**The estimated date of completion of the notification:** Feb. 15, 2005

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**Representative copies of all notices, bulletins and other communications:**

A copy of the dealer service bulletin and text of the final customer notification letter will be submitted to your office as soon as possible.

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**Proposed owner notification letter submission:**

A draft of the owner notification letter will be submitted to your office as soon as possible.

573.6(c)(11)

**Manufacturer's campaign number:**

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Sincerely,

AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO., INC.

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