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March 29, 2005

Mr. Ronald Medford,
Acting Associate Administrator
Office of Safety Assurance
NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY
ADMINISTRATION
400 Seventh St., S.W.
Washington, DC 20590

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Dear Mr. Medford:

On March 21, 2005, Honda Motor Co., Ltd. determined that a defect relating to motor vehicle safety exists in the motor vehicles listed below, and is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

573.6(c)(1)

Name of manufacturer: Honda of America Manufacturing, Inc. (HAM)
Honda Manufacturing of Alabama, LLC (HMA)

Manufacturer's agent: William R. Willen
American Honda Motor Co., Inc. (AHM)
1919 Torrance Blvd.
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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>
Acura TL	Certain 2005 model year	19UUA662*5A012008 – 19UUA662*5A015591 Nov. 10, 2004 to Nov. 23, 2004
Honda Accord	Certain 2005 model year	1HGCM727*5A007883 – 1HGCM716*5A008407 1HGCM826*5A006035 – 1HGCM826*5A006394 Nov. 12, 2004 to Nov. 17, 2004
Honda Odyssey	Certain 2005 model year	5FNRL386*5B030578 – 5FNRL386*5B034833 Nov. 11, 2004 to Nov. 22, 2004 5FNRL386*5B042841 Dec. 9, 2004

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

The affected vehicle population determination was based on manufacturing records. The VIN ranges above reflect all vehicles that could potentially contain an affected fuse box.

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Total number of vehicles potentially affected: 1,923

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Percentage of affected vehicles that contain the defect: Less than 10%

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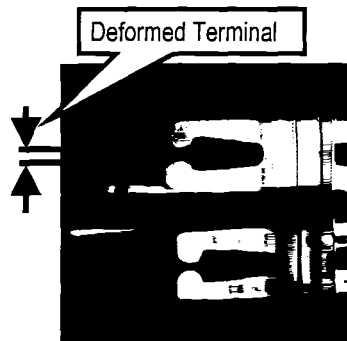
Defect description:

Summary

A loose terminal in the main fuse box may cause the fuel pump to lose power. If the fuel pump becomes inoperative, the engine may not start. In the worst case, if the fuel pump loses power while driving, the engine could stall without warning, and a crash could occur.

Detail

Due to a broken die punch, some terminals used in the main fuse box may have been deformed. A deformed terminal will not provide adequate contact with the fuel pump relay. Poor contact can result in intermittent power loss to the fuel pump, and the engine will be difficult to start. In the worst case, the engine could stall without warning, and a crash could occur.



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Chronology:

Nov. 12, 2004 HAM discovered vehicles with engine starting problems and initiated an investigation.

Mar. 21, 2005 HAM completed the investigation, and HMC determined that a safety-related defect exists.

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 vehicle to a Honda or Acura dealer. The dealer will replace the entire fuse box, free of charge.

573.6(c)(8)(ii)

The estimated date to e-mail preliminary notification to dealers: Mar. 29, 2005

The estimated date to provide service bulletin to dealers: Apr. 4, 2005

The estimated date to begin sending notifications to owners: Apr. 13, 2005

The estimated date of completion of the notification: Apr. 13, 2005

573.6(c)(9)

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.

573.6(c)(10)

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:

P73, P74.

Sincerely,

AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO., INC.



William R. Willen
Managing Counsel
Product Regulatory Office

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