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

Dear Mr. Medford:

On October 26, 2005, Honda Motor Co., Ltd. (HMC) determined that a defect relating to motor vehicle safety exists in the vehicles listed below, and is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reports.

573.6(c)(1)

**Name of manufacturer:** Honda of America Manufacturing, Inc. (HAM)  
Honda of Canada Manufacturing (CH)  
Honda Motor Co., Ltd. (HMC)

**Manufacturer's agent:** William R. Willen  
American Honda Motor Co., Inc. (AHM)  
1919 Torrance Blvd.  
Torrance, CA 90501-2746

573.6(c)(2)

**Identification of potentially affected vehicles:**

<u>Make/Model</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>VIN/Dates of Manufacture</u>
Honda Civic	Certain 2006 model year	JHMFA15216S000026 – JHMFA16876S005401 Jun. 13, 2005 to Aug. 5, 2005 1HGFA16876L000001 – 1HGFA16596L012981 Jun. 6, 2005 to Oct. 6, 2005 2HGFG12836H500089 – 2HGFG12656H509942 Aug. 23, 2005 to Oct. 3, 2005

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

The affected vehicle identification was based on manufacturing records. The VINs and manufacturing dates are inclusive of all vehicles that could potentially contain the defect.

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**Total number of vehicles potentially affected:** 25,298

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

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**Defect description:**

**Summary**

Some 2006 Civic accelerator pedals were not properly installed and may come loose at the floor mounting. This condition may result in a stuck throttle which could cause a crash.

**Detail**

The accelerator pedal is inserted into the stopper base, which has four locking clips and one lock bar. When inserted properly, the lock bar is positioned between the locking clips so that it cannot be removed. Some lock bars may not sit between the locking clips or sit between only two of the locking clips.

If the accelerator pedal is not inserted properly, the pedal can come loose from the pedal stopper causing the throttle to become stuck.

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**Chronology:**

Sept. 28, 2005	A dealer discovered this condition during Pre-Delivery Inspection and notified American Honda Motor Co., Inc. (AHM)
Sept. 30, 2005	HMC initiated an investigation.
Oct. 26, 2005	HMC determined that a safety-related defect exists.

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**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 dealer. The dealer will inspect and if necessary, either reset the pedal or replace the whole assembly free of charge.

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**The estimated date to e-mail preliminary notification to dealers:** Nov. 3, 2005

**The estimated date to provide service bulletin to dealers:** Nov. 3, 2005

**The estimated date to begin sending notifications to owners:** Nov. 16, 2005

**The estimated date of completion of the notification:** TBD

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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:**

P98

Sincerely,

AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO., INC.



William R. Willen  
Managing Counsel  
Product Regulatory Office

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