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DEPT. OF
DEFENSE INVESTIGATION

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 November 10, 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)

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 Accord	Certain 2006 model year	1HGCM56146A003079 – 1HGCM55186A027547 Aug. 25, 2005 to Oct. 14, 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.

573.6(c)(3)

Total number of vehicles potentially affected: 1606

573.6(c)(4)

Percentage of affected vehicles that may contain the defect: Unknown

573.6(c)(5)

Defect description:

Summary

Certain tires installed on 2006 Accord Sedan Value Package vehicles could have been damaged when the tires were mounted on the wheels. In certain circumstances, the bead area of the tire may have been damaged. If the bead sealing area is damaged, there is a possibility of loss of air while driving, which can increase the risk of an accident.

573.6(c)(6)

Chronology:

Oct. 10, 2005	HAM received report of a tire failure and initiated the investigation.
Nov. 10, 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 dealer. The dealer will remove all four tires and inspect the bead area of each tire. If there is damage, a new tire will be installed free of charge.

573.6(c)(8)(ii)

The estimated date to e-mail preliminary notification to dealers: Nov. 11, 2005

The estimated date to provide a preliminary service bulletin to dealers:
Nov. 11, 2005

The estimated date to begin sending notifications to owners pending NHTSA approval: Nov. 18 or 21, 2005

The estimated date of completion of the notification: Nov. 18 or 21, 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:

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Sincerely,

AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO., INC.



William R. Willen
Managing Counsel
Product Regulatory Office

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