

November 19, 2005

Dear Service Manager:

Honda Motor Co., LTD is announcing a safety recall campaign for a limited number of 2006 Accords.

On some 2006 Accord Value Package vehicles (about 1,600 units), the tire beads may have been damaged when the tires were mounted on the wheels. This can cause a loss of air in the affected tire(s) which could increase the risk of a crash.

#### **Repair Strategy**

The repair is to remove the wheels, demount the tires, and check the inner and outer beads for damage. If no damage is found, remount the tires, rebalance them, and reinstall the wheels. Any tires that are damaged must be replaced. In addition, you must render any damaged tires unusable, and retain them for 30 days after payment of the warranty claim. For repair, VIN, and warranty information, refer to Service Bulletin 05-063, *Safety Recall: Tire Damage During Vehicle Assembly*.

#### **Customer Notification**

Notifications to owners of affected vehicles will be mailed the week of November 21.

Only about 1,600 vehicles within the VIN range are affected. **To verify vehicle eligibility, you must check at least one of these items:**

- The VIN is listed next to your dealer number on the November 11<sup>th</sup> N message announcing this campaign.
- The customer has a notification letter.
- The vehicle is shown on your campaign responsibility report.
- The vehicle is shown as eligible on a VIN status inquiry.

Some vehicles affected by this recall may be in your new vehicle inventory. **According to federal law, these vehicles cannot be sold or leased until they are repaired.** To see if a vehicle is affected by this recall, do a VIN status inquiry before selling it.

#### **Parts Information**

If tires are needed, order them through The Tire Rack by calling (877) 327-8473.

Sincerely,

**American Honda Motor Co., Inc.  
Honda Automobile Division**



Applies To: **2006 Accord Value Package**

– From VIN 1HGCM5...6A003079 thru 1HGCM5...6A027547

**November 19, 2005**

### Safety Recall: Tire Damage During Vehicle Assembly

(Supersedes 05-063, dated November 15, 2005, to update the information indicated by the black bars)

#### BACKGROUND

On some 2006 Accord Value Package vehicles (about 1,600 units), the tire beads may have been damaged when the tires were mounted on the wheels. This can cause a loss of air in the affected tire(s) which could increase the risk of a crash.

#### VEHICLES AFFECTED

Within the VIN range, only about 1,600 vehicles are affected. **To verify vehicle eligibility, you must check at least one of these items:**

- The VIN is listed next to your dealer number on the initial *N* message announcing this campaign.
- The customer has a notification letter.
- The vehicle is shown on your campaign responsibility report.
- The vehicle is shown as eligible on a VIN status inquiry.

In addition to these verification items, check for a punch mark above the third character of the engine compartment VIN. A punch mark in that location means this campaign has already been completed.

Some vehicles affected by this campaign may be in your new vehicle inventory. **According to federal law, these vehicles cannot be sold or leased until they are repaired.** To see if a vehicle is affected by this campaign, do a VIN status inquiry before selling it.

#### CUSTOMER NOTIFICATION

All owners of affected vehicles will be sent a notification of this campaign. An example of the customer notification is at the end of this service bulletin.

#### CORRECTIVE ACTION

Demount the tires, and inspect the tire beads. Replace any tire with damaged beads.

#### PARTS INFORMATION

Bridgestone Turanza EL41, Tire Size P195/65R15 89H:

P/N 42751-BRI-018, H/C 6772412

For replacement tires, call The Tire Rack at (877) 327-8473.

#### WARRANTY CLAIM INFORMATION

Operation Number: 421014

Flat Rate Time: 1.6 hours

Failed Part: P/N 42700-SDA-A91  
H/C 7137698

Defect Code: 5VP00

Symptom Code: Q0400

Skill Level: Repair Technician

#### Tire Replacement Information

If tire replacement is needed, you *must* use the Bridgestone Turanza EL41 tires from The Tire Rack. To claim the installation of replacement tires, do this:

- List the tire expense in the first sublet field on the warranty claim. Use *sublet code T3 (sublet tire purchase)*.
- You are also eligible for a \$10 per tire reimbursement for handling. List this dollar amount in the second sublet field on the warranty claim. Use *sublet code T4 (sublet tire purchase handling reimbursement)*.

For tire inspection, mounting, and balancing, use the warranty claim information in this bulletin.

#### REPAIR PROCEDURE

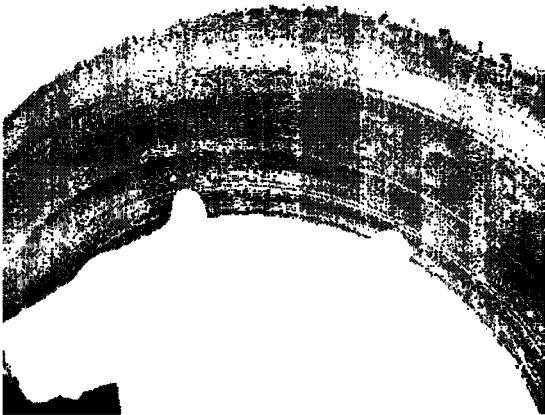
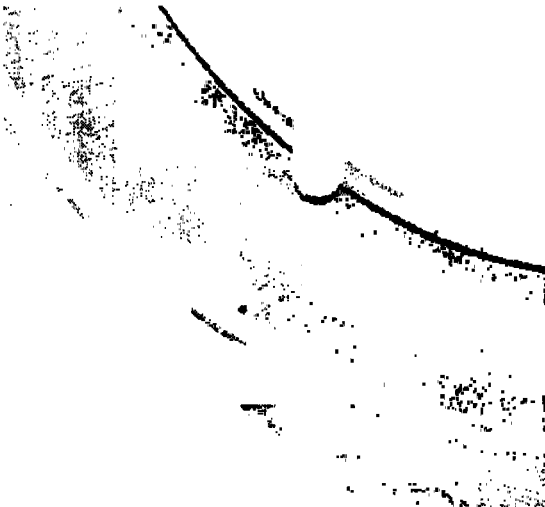
1. Raise the vehicle on a lift, and remove the wheels.
2. Deflate the tires by removing the valve stem cores.
3. Remove and discard the wheel weights.
4. Check for a red dot on each tire's sidewall, next to a punch mark on the wheel. If you don't see the red dot, draw a mark on the tire next to the valve stem.
5. On the back of each tire and wheel, mark its location on the vehicle (L/F, R/F, L/R, R/R).
6. Using a tire machine, carefully debead the tires, then remove them from the wheels.



**CUSTOMER INFORMATION:** The information in this bulletin is intended for use only by skilled technicians who have the proper tools, equipment, and training to correctly and safely maintain your vehicle. These procedures should not be attempted by "do-it-yourselfers," and you should not assume this bulletin applies to your vehicle, or that your vehicle has the condition described. To determine whether this information applies, contact an authorized Honda automobile dealer.

7. Thoroughly check each tire's inner and outer beads visually, and by running your *gloved* hands over all areas of the beads. Check for cuts, tears, or other abrasions.

- If a tire *does not* have damaged beads, go to step 8.
- If a tire *does* have damaged beads, go to step 9.



8. Remount the tires on the wheels:

- Using the marks you made in step 5, match each tire to its wheel.
- Line up the red dot on the tire with the punch mark on the wheel. If the tire didn't have a red dot, line up the mark you made on the tire with the valve stem.
- Reuse the original valve stem cores.
- Inflate the front tires to 32 psi, and inflate the rear tires to 30 psi.
- Go to step 12.

9. Render any damaged tire unusable by drilling a 1/2-inch hole completely through the sidewall. Then retain the tire(s) for 30 days after payment of the warranty claim. (This is the normal retention time for parts replaced under warranty.)

10. Replace the damaged tire(s) with new tires from The Tire Rack.

11. Mount the new tire(s) on the original wheel(s):

- Reuse the original valve stem cores.
- Inflate the front tires to 32 psi, and inflate the rear tires to 30 psi.

12. Rebalance the wheels.

13. Reinstall the wheels, and torque the wheel nuts to 80 lb-ft (108 N·m).

14. Center-punch a completion mark above the third character of the engine compartment VIN.

Center-punch here.

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*Example of Customer Letter*

November 2005

#### **Safety Recall: Tire Damage During Vehicle Assembly**

Dear Accord Owner:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

#### **What is the reason for this notice?**

Honda Motor Co., Ltd. has decided that a defect related to motor vehicle safety exists in some 2006 Accords. Certain tires 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.

#### **What should you do?**

Call any authorized Honda dealer, and make an appointment to have your vehicle repaired. 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*. Please plan to leave your vehicle for half a day to allow the dealer flexibility in scheduling.

#### **Who to contact if you experience problems.**

If you are not satisfied with the service you receive from your Honda dealer, you may write to:

American Honda Motor Co., Inc.  
Honda Automobile Customer Service  
Mail Stop 500-2N-7A  
1919 Torrance Blvd.  
Torrance, CA 90501-2746

If you believe that American Honda or the dealer has failed or is unable to remedy the defect in your vehicle, without charge, within a reasonable period of time (60 days from the date you first contact the dealer for a repair appointment), you may submit a complaint to:

Administrator  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
400 Seventh Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20590

You can also call the toll-free Safety Hotline at (888) 327-4236 [TTY (800) 424-9153], or go to [www.safercar.gov](http://www.safercar.gov).

**What to do if you feel this notice is in error.**

Our records show that you are the current owner or lessee of a 2006 Accord involved in this campaign. If this is not the case, or the name/address information is not correct, please fill out and return the enclosed, postage-paid *Information Change Card*. We will then update our records.

**Lessor Information.**

Federal law requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within 10 days.

**If you have questions.**

If you have any questions about this notice, or need assistance with locating a Honda dealer, please call Honda Automobile Customer Service at (800) 999-1009.

We apologize for any inconvenience this campaign may cause you.

Sincerely,

**American Honda Motor Co., Inc.  
Honda Automobile Division**