

January 19, 2007

Mr. Daniel Smith  
Associate Administrator for Enforcement  
Office of Safety Assurance  
NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY  
ADMINISTRATION  
400 Seventh St., S.W.  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Mr. Smith:

On December 25, 2006, Honda Motor Co., Ltd. (HMC) determined that a defect relating to motor vehicle safety exists in the vehicles listed below. Honda furnished notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reports on January 2, 2007. Today, we are submitting a revised 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report with information that was not available when the January 2<sup>nd</sup> letter was submitted.

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)  
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Torrance, CA 90501-2746

**Name of Supplier:** Setex Incorporated  
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St. Marys, OH 45885

Mr. Mutusmi Gamou, CEO/COO

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**Identification of potentially affected vehicles:**

| <u>Make/Model</u>  | <u>Description</u>      | <u>VIN/Dates of Manufacture</u>  |
|--------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Honda Accord Sedan | Certain 2004 model year | 1HGCM56814A000022 – 1HGCM56814A178481<br>Aug. 7, 2003 – Aug. 12, 2004  |
|                    |                         | 1HGCM66584A000031 – 1HGCM66534A104040<br>Aug. 14, 2003 – Aug. 16, 2004 |
| Honda Accord Sedan | Certain 2005 model year | 1HGCM56785A000009 – 1HGCM56865A025841<br>July 20, 2004 – Oct. 8, 2004  |
|                    |                         | 1HGCM66885A000008 – 1HGCM66895A011860<br>Aug. 12, 2004 – Oct. 8, 2004  |

**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:**          Approx. 81,000 in the U.S.

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

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**Defect description:**

**Summary**

The seat position sensor (SPS) detects the driver's seating position and adjusts the airbag inflation pressure accordingly, primarily to lessen the inflation pressure for smaller drivers that sit closer to the steering wheel. In some 2004-05 Accord Sedans, the wiring harness for the seat position sensor was attached to the seat frame in the wrong location and may have been over tightened. The sensor wire may break and cause the SRS indicator light to be illuminated. A failure of the SPS may cause the airbag system to default to full inflation pressure, regardless of the seat position. Full deployment of the driver's airbag can increase the risk of injury for smaller drivers in a frontal crash.

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**Chronology:**

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| July 18, 2006 | HAM initiated an investigation.  |
| July 27, 2006 | HAM visited the vender for quality audit.  |
| Nov. 21, 2006 | HAM received a report from the vender.   |
| Dec. 25, 2006 | HAM completed the investigation, and HMC determined that a safety 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 replace the seat position sensor wiring sub-harness, free of charge.

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**The estimated date to e-mail preliminary notification to dealers:** Jan. 2, 2007  
**The estimated date to provide service bulletin to dealers:** Jan. 19, 2007  
**The estimated date to begin sending notifications to owners:** Feb. 8, 2007  
**The estimated date of completion of the notification:** Feb. 9, 2007

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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.

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**Manufacturer's campaign number:**

The campaign number has not been determined at this time, but will be provided to your office as soon as it has been assigned.

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Sincerely,

AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO., INC.



William R. Willen  
Managing Counsel  
Product Regulatory Office

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