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INVESTIGATION

**HONDA**

**American Honda Motor Co., Inc.**  
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January 2, 2007

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

**07V-001**  
**(3 pages)**

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, 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 2004 model year	VIN data will be submitted to your office ASAP
Honda Accord	Certain 2005 model year	VIN data will be submitted to your office ASAP

**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

573.6(c)(5)

**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 Accords, 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 causes 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.

573.6(c)(6)

**Chronology:**

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.

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 replace the seat position sensor wiring sub-harness, free of charge.

573.6(c)(8)(ii)

<b>The estimated date to e-mail preliminary notification to dealers:</b>	Jan. 2, 2007
<b>The estimated date to provide service bulletin to dealers:</b>	Jan. 25, 2007
<b>The estimated date to begin sending notifications to owners:</b>	early Feb., 2007
<b>The estimated date of completion of the notification:</b>	TBD

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:**

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

Sincerely,

AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO., INC.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jay Joseph", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

*Jay Joseph on behalf of:*

William R. Willen  
Managing Counsel  
Product Regulatory Office

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