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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 March 6, 2007, 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 Motor Co., Ltd. (HMC)
Honda of America Manufacturing, Inc. (HAM)
Honda de Mexico, S.A. DE C.V. (HDM)
Honda of Canada Manufacturing, Inc. (HCM)
Honda Manufacturing of Alabama, LLC (HMA)

Manufacturer's agent: William R. Willen
American Honda Motor Co., Inc. (AHM)
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Name of Supplier: CME Automotive L.L.C.
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Monroeville, IN 46733

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573.6(c)(2)

Identification of potentially affected vehicles:

<u>Make/Model</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>VIN/Dates of Manufacture</u>
Honda Accord L4 Sedan	certain 2005 model year	1HGCM56825A118968 – 1HGCM56455A169376 April 12, 2005 – June 30, 2005
Honda Accord V6 Sedan	certain 2005 model year	1HGCM66525A051915 – 1HGCM66575A072176 April 11, 2005 – June 30, 2005
Honda Accord L4 Coupe	certain 2005 model year	1HGCM72565A019674 – 1HGCM725X5A025056 April 12, 2005 – June 30, 2005
Honda Accord V6 Coupe	certain 2005 model year	1HGCM81695A016249 – 1HGCM82665A018586 April 13, 2005 – June 15, 2005
Honda Accord L4 Sedan	certain 2005 model year	3HGCM56415G707623 – 3HGCM56465G711232 April 1, 2005 – June 30, 2005
Honda Accord Hybrid	certain 2005 model year	JHMCN36475C009695 – JHMCN36495C013621 April 1, 2005 – May 31, 2005
Honda Odyssey	certain 2005 model year	5FNRL38735B092182 – 5FNRL38665B421996 April 16, 2005 – June 30, 2005
Honda Ridgeline	certain 2006 model year	2HJYK16526H511215 – 2HJYK16526H528659 04/11/2005 – 06/30/2005
Acura TL	certain 2005 model year	19UUA662X5A046061 – 19UUA66285A067961 April 12, 2005 – June 30, 2005
Acura RL	certain 2005 model year	JH4KB16565C016266 – JH4KB165X5C020997 April 1, 2005 – May 31, 2005
Acura TSX	certain 2005 model year	JH4CL95845C018626 – JH4CL96905C025175 April 1, 2005 – May 31, 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: 166,561

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Percentage of affected vehicles that contain the defect: Unknown

573.6(c)(5)

Defect description:

Summary

A coil wire inside the fuel pump relay may break, causing the fuel pump to lose power. If the fuel pump becomes inoperative, the engine may not start. In the worst case, if the fuel pump loses power while driving, the engine could stall without warning, and a crash could occur.

Detail

During the production process, sealant was applied to the fuel pump relay terminal. The sealant may have flowed into the relay and onto the coil, bonding with the coil thread wire end. The coil thread wire is repeatedly flexed, due to expansion and contraction from heat generated by electricity, which may cause the coil wire to break. If breakage occurs the fuel pump could lose power and the engine may not start or could stall. If engine stalling occurs this increases the risk of a crash.

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Chronology:

April, 2006	HMC received a quality information communication report from a Japan dealer and initiated an investigation for the Japan market.
June, 2006	HMC received a quality information communication report from Honda Canada and initiated an investigation for the Canadian market.
October, 2006	HMC conducted durability test.
March 6, 2007	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 inspect and replace the fuel pump relay if necessary, free of charge.

573.6(c)(8)(ii)

The estimated date to e-mail preliminary notification to dealers:	Mar. 13, 2007
The estimated date to provide service bulletin to dealers:	Mar. 14, 2007
The estimated date to begin sending notifications to owners:	Apr. 2, 2007
The estimated date of completion of the notification:	Apr. 5, 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.

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:

Q37, Q38

Sincerely,

AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO., INC.



William R. Willen
Managing Counsel
Product Regulatory Office

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