

August 30, 2007

Mr. Daniel C. Smith
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY
ADMINISTRATION
Attn: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

07V-402
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Dear Mr. Smith:

On August 23, 2007, Honda Motor Co., Ltd. (HMC) determined that a potential defect relating to motor vehicle safety exists in the brake light switch of certain 2006 model year Honda Civic automobiles, 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)
Manufacturer's agent: William R. Willen
American Honda Motor Co., Inc. (AHM)
1919 Torrance Blvd.
Torrance, CA 90501-2746

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Identification of potentially affected vehicles:

<u>Make/Model</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>VIN Range/Dates of Manufacture</u>
Honda Civic Sedan	Certain 2006 model year	JHMFA15536S006176 – JHMFA16886S013021 Feb. 1, 2006 to Jul. 7, 2006
Honda Civic Hybrid	Certain 2006 model year	JHMFA36256S010939 – JHMFA36256S023996 Feb. 1, 2006 to Jul. 5, 2006

Description of the basis for the determination of the recall population:

The recall population was based on manufacturing records and market occurrence situation. The VIN range reflects all possible vehicles that could potentially experience the problem.

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Total number of potentially affected vehicles: 19,904

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Percentage of affected vehicles that contain the defect: Unknown

573.6(c)(5)

Defect description:

The supplier of the steering system lacked proper instructions for application of lubricant grease to the telescoping mechanism of the steering column, resulting in application of excessive amounts of silicon grease. As a result, oil can separate from the grease, which can form droplets that may fall onto the brake light switch. This can cause the brake light switch to fail, it may not be possible to shift the transmission from the Park position and/or the stop lamp may fail to illuminate, leading to a failure to alert a following vehicle of the driver's intent to stop, potentially resulting in a crash.

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Chronology:

Jun. 5, 2006	HMC received 1 st complaint in the Japan domestic market from a dealer that the shift lever could not be shifted out of the Park position, and initiated an investigation.
Sep. 25, 2006	HMC received 1 st complaint from an overseas market (UAE) that the shift lever could not be shifted out of the Park position, and initiated additional investigation.
Aug. 23, 2007	HMC completed the investigation and determined that a safety-related 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 automobile dealer. The dealer will replace the brake light switch and connector housing, and install a cover to prevent oil from damaging the switch, free of charge.

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The estimated date to e-mail preliminary notification to dealers: Aug. 30, 2007

The estimated date to provide service bulletin to dealers: Sep. 20, 2007

The estimated date to begin sending notifications to owners: Sep. 27, 2007

The estimated date of completion of the notification: Sep. 28, 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:
Q58

Sincerely,

AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO., INC.



William R. Willen
Managing Counsel
Product Regulatory Office

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