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## **Safety Recall: Integrated Motor Assist Cable Can Develop Electrical Short**

Dear 2006 Civic Hybrid 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 certain 2006 Civic Hybrid vehicles. Certain parts of your vehicle's integrated motor assist (IMA) system are located under a metal cover behind the rear seat-back. Over time, the weight of rear seat passengers may cause the metal cover to come into contact with a rubber cap covering an electrical terminal. The rubber cap may get pinched, exposing the electrical terminal. The terminal may come into contact with the metal cover, which could result in an electrical short that may blow the IMA fuse. A blown fuse will cause the engine to stall, increasing the risk of a crash.

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

Call any authorized Honda dealer and make an appointment to have your vehicle repaired. The dealer will install a protective cover over the terminal wires of the IMA part. This work will be done *free of charge*. Please plan to leave your vehicle at the dealer for half a day to give the dealer some 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 Civic Hybrid involved in this campaign. If this is not the case, or if 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