

April 10, 2008

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

08V-169
AMENDED

Dear Mr. Smith:

On April 3, 2008, Honda Motor Co., Ltd. (HMC) determined that a potential defect relating to motor vehicle safety exists in the windshield wiper motor of certain 2003 model year Honda Accord 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 of America Manufacturing, Inc. (HAM)
Honda Motor Co., Ltd. (HMC)
Honda de Mexico (HDM)

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 Range/Dates of Manufacture</u>
Honda Accord	Certain 2003 model year	1HGCM56663A000028 – 1HGCM56603A147378 June 6, 2002 – Aug. 13, 2003
		1HGCM66853A000030 – 1HGCM66503A104253 June 6, 2002 – Aug. 26, 2003
		JHMCM56663C000039 – JHMCM56373C088208 April 17, 2002 – July 2, 2003
		3HGCM56323G700006 – 3HGCM56323G713869 Aug. 15, 2002 – Sept. 23, 2003

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

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

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Total number of potentially affected vehicles: approx. 351,000

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Percentage of affected vehicles that contain the defect: unknown

573.6(c)(5)

Defect description:

If water enters the windshield wiper motor breather port, which is designed to allow the motor to vent warm air during normal operation, it can result in corrosion inside the motor housing which can cause a failure of the electrical circuit breaker inside the motor housing. If the circuit breaker fails, it will cause the windshield wiper motor to become inoperative, which can increase the likelihood of a crash in certain conditions.

573.6(c)(6)

Chronology:

February 19, 2008 HAM completed investigation and HMC determined that a safety defect exists in the 2004-05 Acura TL and initiated a recall (08V-08V-092). HMC continued investigation on other models.

April 3, 2008 HMC completed investigation and determined that a safety-related defect exists for the 2003 Honda Accord.

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 inspect the windshield wiper motor for signs of corrosion. If no signs of corrosion are present, a cover will be installed over the wiper motor to prevent water from entering the wiper motor housing. If signs of corrosion damage are observed on the wiper motor the motor will be replaced.

The inspection and any necessary countermeasures will be completed free of charge.

573.6(c)(8)(ii)

The estimated date to e-mail preliminary notification to dealers: April 11, 2008

The estimated date to provide service bulletin to dealers: June 10, 2008

The estimated date to begin sending notifications to owners: June 17, 2008

The estimated date of completion of the notification: TBD

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Representative copies of all notices, bulletins and other communications:

A copy of the dealer service bulletin 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.

573.6(c)(11)

Manufacturer's campaign number:

Q78

Sincerely,

AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO., INC.



William R. Willen
Managing Counsel
Product Regulatory Office

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