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DEFECTS INVESTIGATION
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October 13, 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-535
(4 pages)**

Dear Mr. Smith:

On October 6, 2008, Honda Motor Co., Ltd. (HMC) determined that a potential defect relating to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2008-09 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 Canada Manufacturing, Inc. (HCM)

Manufacturer's agent: William R. Willen
American Honda Motor Co., Inc. (AHM)
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573.6(c)(2)

Identification of potentially affected vehicles:

<u>Make/Model</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>VIN Range/Dates of Manufacture</u>
Honda Civic Sedan	Certain 2008 model year	See Attachment A for VIN list Aug. 25, 2008
Honda Civic Sedan	Certain 2009 model year	See Attachment A for VIN list Sept. 4, 2008 – Sept. 5, 2008

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.

573.6(c)(3)

Total number of potentially affected vehicles:

128

573.6(c)(4)

Percentage of affected vehicles that contain the defect: 100%

573.6(c)(5)

Defect description:

A bracket that covers the fuel hose connector is secured with a bolt and nut, but during assembly the nut was not installed. In the event of a crash, the bracket may become loose which could result in damage to the fuel hose connector. A damaged connector could lead to a fuel leak and increases the risk of a fire.

573.6(c)(6)

Chronology:

Sept. 11, 2008 HCM discovered that a nut was not installed on one vehicle and initiated an investigation.

Oct. 6, 2008 HCM completed the investigation and HMC determined that a safety-related 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 automobile dealer. The dealer will install a nut on the fuel feed hose bracket, free of charge.

573.6(c)(8)(ii)

The date to e-mail preliminary notification to dealers: Oct. 6, 2008

The estimated date to provide service bulletin to dealers: Oct. 14, 2008

The estimated date to begin sending notifications to owners: Oct. 14, 2008

The estimated date of completion of the notification: Oct. 14, 2008

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 was submitted to your office on October 8 and approved the same day.

573.6(c)(11)

Manufacturer's campaign number:

Q94

Sincerely,

AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO., INC.



William R. Willen
Managing Counsel
Product Regulatory Office

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Attachment A
 2008-2009 Civic Sedan
 Fuel Hose Connector Bracket Nut Recall
 VIN Range

Oct. 13, 2008

2008 Model Year		
2HGFA16508H357042	2HGFA16848H357068	2HGFA16858H357094
2HGFA168X8H357043	2HGFA16868H357069	2HGFA16878H357095
2HGFA16818H357044	2HGFA16828H357070	2HGFA16898H357096
2HGFA16838H357045	2HGFA16848H357071	2HGFA16808H357097
2HGFA16858H357046	2HGFA16868H357072	2HGFA16828H357098
2HGFA16878H357047	2HGFA16888H357073	2HGFA16848H357099
2HGFA16898H357048	2HGFA168X8H357074	2HGFA16878H357100
2HGFA16808H357049	2HGFA16818H357075	2HGFA16898H357101
2HGFA16878H357050	2HGFA16838H357076	2HGFA16808H357102
2HGFA16898H357051	2HGFA16858H357077	2HGFA16848H357104
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2HGFA16858H357063	2HGFA16818H357089	2HGFA16898H357129
2HGFA16878H357064	2HGFA16888H357090	2HGFA16858H357130
2HGFA16898H357065	2HGFA168X8H357091	2HGFA16878H357131
2HGFA16808H357066	2HGFA16818H357092	2HGFA16898H357132
2HGFA16828H357067	2HGFA16838H357093	

2009 Model Year		
2HGFA16589H302226	2HGFA16549H302255	2HGFA16559H302300
2HGFA165X9H302227	2HGFA16569H302256	2HGFA16579H302301
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