

Summer 2008

Safety Recall: Left-Rear Trailing Arm May Come Loose

Dear Element 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 2008 model year Element vehicles. The left trailing arm of the rear suspension may have been improperly welded and could separate. A separated trailing arm would cause the lower half of the left rear wheel to pivot outward. This could damage the left rear brake line and may cause a possible loss of vehicle control, which could lead to a crash.

What should you do?

Please stop driving your vehicle immediately, and call any authorized Honda dealer to have your vehicle taken to a Honda dealer. The dealer will inspect the left rear trailing arm, and replace it if needed. This work will be done *free of charge*. Please plan to leave your vehicle for at least one day to allow the dealer 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.
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
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

You can also call the toll-free Safety Hotline at 888-327-4236 (TTY 800-424-9153), or go to <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 2008 Element potentially affected by this campaign. If this is not the case, or 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
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**