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NVS-215dgl
09V-057

SUBJECT: FRONT BRAKE HOSES

DEAR MR. WILLEN:

This letter serves to acknowledge American Honda Motor Company, Inc.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety defect in the products described below for which a safety recall campaign shall be conducted pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30119.

Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:
HONDA/ODYSSEY/2009

NHTSA Campaign Number: 09V-057

Mfg's Report Date: February 16, 2009

Components: PARKING BRAKE: DRIVELINE: HYDRAULIC: HOSES,
LINES/PIPING, AND FITTINGS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 421

Summary:

HONDA IS RECALLING 421 MY 2009 ODYSSEY VEHICLES. DURING ASSEMBLY, INCORRECT FRONT BRAKE HOSES WERE INSTALLED. THE BRAKE HOSE CAN CONTACT THE CALIPER BOLT AND OVER TIME A HOLE MAY DEVELOP WHICH WILL ALLOW BRAKE FLUID TO LEAK. THIS WOULD EVENTUALLY RESULT IN REDUCED BRAKE SYSTEM PERFORMANCE.

Consequence:

DRIVERS WOULD NOT BE AWARE OF BRAKE SYSTEM FAILURE AND BRAKING CAPABILITY WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE, INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSPECT BOTH FRONT BRAKE HOSES AND REPLACE WITH THE CORRECT BRAKE HOSES FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL BEGAN ON FEBRUARY 12, 2009. OWNER MAY CONTACT HONDA AT 1-800-999-1009.

Notes:

HONDA RECALL NO. Q99. CUSTOMERS MAY ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

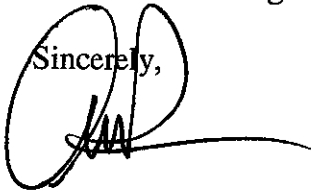
Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contacts for this recall will be Delia Lopez or Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-9525 or 202-366-5227, or by email at Delia.lopez@dot.gov, or Kelly.Schuler@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "G. Person", written over the word "Sincerely,".

George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement