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**American Honda Motor Co., Inc.**  
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November 9, 2009

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Mr. Daniel Smith  
Associate Administrator for Enforcement  
Office of Safety Assurance  
NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY  
ADMINISTRATION  
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Mr. Smith:

On October 29, 2009, Honda Motor Co., Ltd. (HMC) determined that a defect relating to motor vehicle safety exists in the accessory full nose mask for the 2008-2010 model year Honda Accord, 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 Access America, Inc. (HAA)

**Manufacturer's agent:** William R. Willen  
American Honda Motor Co., Inc. (AHM)  
1919 Torrance Blvd.  
Torrance, CA 90501-2746

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**Identification of affected vehicle equipment:**

<u>Component Name</u>	<u>Part Number</u>	<u>Dates of Manufacture</u>
Full Nose Mask	08P35-TA0-100	8/09/2007 - 10/08/2009
	08P35-TA6-100	8/08/2007 - 12/11/2007

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

The affected accessory was designed specifically for 2008-2010 model year Honda Accord 4-door vehicles.

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**Total number of full nose masks sold to dealers:** approx. 3,700

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**Percentage of affected full nose masks that contain the defect:** Unknown

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**Defect description:**

If the vehicle is equipped with a full nose mask, upon closing the hood the engine hood safety latch release lever may get caught by the nose mask preventing the secondary latch from fully engaging. A hood that has not completely closed because the primary latch has not been engaged may allow the hood to lift up while the vehicle is being driven resulting in reduced driver visibility.

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**Chronology:**

October 2, 2009	AHM received one field claim and notified HAA
October 13, 2009	HAA received the returned part and initiated investigation
October 29, 2009	HAA completed investigation and HMC determined that a safety-related defect exists. AHM notified NHTSA by phone.

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**Program for remedying the defect:**

The owners of all potentially affected vehicles will be contacted by mail. Owners who have purchased Honda's accessory full nose mask will be asked to take their vehicle to a Honda dealer for a replacement nose mask, free of charge.

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**The estimated date to e-mail preliminary notification to dealers:** Oct. 29, 2009

**The estimated date to provide service bulletin to dealers:** Nov. 23, 2009

**The estimated date to begin sending notifications to owners:** Nov. 23, 2009

**The estimated date of completion of the notification:** Nov. 23, 2009

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**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.

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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.

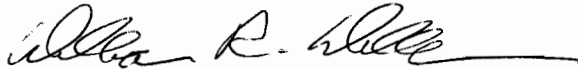
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**Manufacturer's campaign number:**

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Sincerely,

AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO., INC.



William R. Willen  
Managing Counsel  
Product Regulatory Office

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