

February 16, 2009

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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

Dear Mr. Smith:

On February 10, 2009, Honda Motor Co., Ltd. (HMC) determined that a potential defect relating to motor vehicle safety exists in the brake hoses of certain 2009 model year Honda Odyssey vehicles, 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 Manufacturing of Alabama (HMA)

**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 Odyssey	Certain 2009 model year	5FNRL38999B043589 - 5FNRL384X9B045212 Jan. 27, 2009 – Feb. 3, 2009

**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:**

421  
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GENERAL

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**Percentage of affected vehicles that contain the defect:**                      Approx. 5% or less

573.6(c)(5)

**Defect description:**

During assembly, incorrect front brake hose(s) were installed on subject vehicles. 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.

573.6(c)(6)

**Chronology:**

Feb. 3, 2009	HMA found Ridgeline brake hose installed on Odyssey and initiated an investigation.
Feb. 10, 2009	HMA completed the investigation and Honda Motor Co., Ltd. (HMC) determined that a safety-related defect exists.

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**Program for remedying the defect:**

The owners of affected vehicles will be contacted by phone and instructed to take their vehicle to a Honda automobile dealer. The dealer will inspect both front brake hoses and if necessary replace with the correct brake hose(s), free of charge.

573.6(c)(8)(ii)

**The estimated date to e-mail preliminary notification to dealers:** Feb. 9, 2009

**The estimated date to telephone owners:**    Feb. 12, 2009

**The estimated date to provide service bulletin to dealers:**                      Feb. 13, 2009

573.6(c)(9)

**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.

573.6(c)(10)

**Proposed owner notification letter submission:**

In the event that we are unable to contact the customers by phone, a draft of the owner notification letter will be submitted to your office as soon as possible.

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573.6(c)(11)

**Manufacturer's campaign number:**  
Q99

Sincerely,

AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO., INC.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William R. Willen", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

William R. Willen  
Managing Counsel  
Product Regulatory Office

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