



U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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Washington, DC 20590

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MR. JAY JOSEPH  
SENIOR MANAGER  
PRODUCT REGULATORY OFFICE  
AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO.  
1919 TORRANCE BLVD.  
TORRANCE, CA 90501-2746

NVS-215dgl  
10V-002

SUBJECT: A-PILLAR BOLT

DEAR MR. JOSEPH:

This letter serves to acknowledge American Honda Motor Co.'s (Honda) notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a defect in the vehicles listed below for which a safety recall campaign will be conducted pursuant to Federal law.

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:**

ACURA/MDX/2010

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 10V-002

**Mfg's Report Date:** December 23, 2009

**Components:** AIR BAGS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 644

**Summary:**

CERTAIN MODEL YEAR ACURA 2010 MDX VEHICLES MANUFACTURED BETWEEN OCTOBER 7, 2009 AND NOVEMBER 14, 2009. A BOLT USED TO ATTACH AN INTERIOR TRIM PIECE TO EITHER THE DRIVER'S OR PASSENGER'S SIDE A-PILLAR MAY NOT HAVE BEEN INSTALLED DURING MANUFACTURING.

**Consequence:**

IN THE EVENT OF A CRASH RESULTING IN SIDE CURTAIN AIR BAG DEPLOYMENT, THE TRIM PIECE MAY NOT REMAIN PROPERLY SECURED TO THE A-PILLAR, INCREASING THE RISK OF INJURY TO THE DRIVER AND/OR FRONT SEAT PASSENGER.

**Remedy:**

DEALERS WILL INSPECT THE INTERIOR TRIM PIECE OF THE A-PILLAR AND IF A BOLT IS MISSING IT WILL BE INSTALLED FREE OF CHARGE. FOUR VEHICLES WERE PURCHASED BEFORE THE STOP-SALE WAS ISSUED AND ALL THE VEHICLES HAVE BEEN INSPECTED AND REPAIRED IF NECESSARY, AN OWNER NOTIFICATION WILL NOT BE ISSUED FOR THIS CAMPAIGN.

**Notes:**

CUSTOMERS MAY 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:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, 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 your defect report all owners have been notified and the vehicles have been corrected, therefore one quarterly report is needed to consider this campaign 100% complete.

Your contact for this recall will be Delia Lopez who may be reached by phone at 202-366-9525, or by email at [Delia.lopez@dot.gov](mailto:Delia.lopez@dot.gov), or through the office email at [RMD.ODI@dot.gov](mailto:RMD.ODI@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you toward a successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "George H. Person" with a small "for" written below the name.

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

Attachment: Quarterly Report