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December 23, 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 December 18, 2009, Honda Motor Co., Ltd. (HMC) determined that a potential defect relating to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2010 model year Acura MDX automobiles, 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 Canada Manufacturing, Inc. (HCM)

Manufacturer's agent: Jay Joseph
American Honda Motor Co., Inc. (AHM)
1919 Torrance Blvd.
Torrance, CA 90501-2746

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Identification of potentially affected vehicles:

<u>Make/Model</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>VIN Range/Dates of Manufacture</u>
Acura MDX	Certain 2010 model year	2HNYD2H73AH500066 - 2HNYD2H61AH501207 Oct. 7, 2009 to Nov. 14, 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:

644

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Percentage of affected vehicles that contain the defect: Unknown

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Defect description:

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. In the event of a crash resulting in side curtain airbag 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.

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Chronology:

Dec. 14, 2009 HCM discovered missing bolt and initiated an investigation.

Dec. 16, 2009 AHM issued a stop-sale.

Dec. 17, 2009 HCM completed the investigation and HMC determined that a safety-related defect exists.

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Program for remedying the defect:

Dealers will inspect the interior trim piece of the A-pillar and if a bolt is missing it will be installed.

Four vehicles were purchased before the stop-sale was issued. AHM has contacted all the owners and all the vehicles have been inspected, no repairs were needed.

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The estimated date to e-mail preliminary notification to dealers: Dec. 14, 2009

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

The estimated date to begin sending notifications to owners: NA

The estimated date of completion of the notification: NA

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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.

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Proposed owner notification letter submission:

Due to successful completion of inspection of vehicles no customer letter is necessary.

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Manufacturer's campaign number:

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Sincerely,

AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO., INC.

Jay Joseph
Senior Manager
Product Regulatory Office

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