

April 9, 2010

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

Re: Recall Notification
2010 Model Year Acura ZDX
Dashboard covering not properly processed

Dear Mr. Smith:

On April 6, 2010, Honda Motor Co., Ltd. (HMC) determined that a potential defect relating to motor vehicle safety exists which relates to the passenger airbag of certain 2010 model year Acura ZDX 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

573.6(c)(2)

Identification of potentially affected vehicles:

<u>Make/Model</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>VIN Range/Dates of Manufacture</u>
Acura ZDX	Certain 2010 model year	2HNYB1H60AH500100 – 2HNYB1H43AH502440 November 12, 2009 to March 22, 2010

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.

573.6(c)(3)

Total number of potentially affected vehicles: 1,854

573.6(c)(4)

Percentage of affected vehicles that contain the defect: Unknown

573.6(c)(5)

Defect description:

During the manufacturing process, the dashboard covering material may have not been properly laser scored to allow complete deployment of the front passenger's SRS airbag. In the event of a crash, the airbag will not deploy properly, increasing the risk of injury.

573.6(c)(6)

Chronology:

March 24, 2010	HCM is informed by vendor of dashboard covers that were not properly scored.
March 24, 2010	HCM initiates an investigation.
April 6, 2010	HCM completed the investigation and Honda Motor Co., Ltd. (HMC) determined that a safety-related defect exists.

573.6(c)(8)(i)

Program for remedying the defect:

The owners of all affected vehicles will be contacted by mail and asked to take their vehicle to an Acura automobile dealer. The dealer will inspect the dashboard covering material and replace it if necessary, free of charge.

573.6(c)(8)(ii)

The estimated date to e-mail preliminary notification to dealers: April 9, 2010

The estimated date to provide service bulletin to dealers: April 16, 2010

The estimated date to begin sending notifications to owners: April 21, 2010

The estimated date of completion of the notification: April 21, 2010

573.6(c)(9)

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.

573.6(c)(10)

Proposed owner notification letter submission:

A draft of the owner notification letter will be submitted to your office as soon as possible.

573.6(c)(11)

Manufacturer's campaign number:

R34

Sincerely,

AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO., INC.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jay Joseph", is written over the printed name.

Jay Joseph
Senior Manager
Product Regulatory Office

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