



### Safety Recall: A-Pillar Trim Bolts May Be Missing

(Supersedes 09-058, dated December 23, 2009, to revise the information marked by the black bars)

#### REVISION SUMMARY

Under WARRANTY INFORMATION, the failed part number was changed.

#### BACKGROUND

The bolt securing each A-pillar trim may be missing. In the case of a side curtain airbag deployment, the A-pillar trim could dislodge and cause an injury.

#### CLIENT NOTIFICATION

Fewer than 10 potentially affected vehicles have been sold. Owners of these vehicles were called and asked to return to the selling dealers to have their vehicles checked.

The balance of the vehicles affected by this campaign are in dealer inventory. **As a matter of federal law, these vehicles must be checked/repared before they are sold.**

Not all vehicles within the “applies to” VIN range are affected by this campaign. To verify vehicle eligibility, you **must** make sure the vehicle is shown as eligible on a VIN status inquiry.

In addition, check for a punch mark above the first character of the engine compartment VIN. A punch mark in that location means this campaign has already been completed.

Should a dealership sell an unrepaired vehicle that subsequently causes an injury or damage because of the recalled item, the dealership will be solely responsible to the damaged party, and will be required to defend and indemnify American Honda for any resulting claims. To see if a vehicle is affected by this campaign, do a VIN status inquiry before selling it.

#### CORRECTIVE ACTION

Check to see if the A-pillar trim bolts are installed. If they are, make sure they are properly torqued; if they are missing, install new bolts, and make sure they are properly torqued.

#### PARTS INFORMATION

NOTE: Because of the limited availability of A-pillar trim bolts, do not order any bolts until a vehicle is checked and found to have one or both A-pillar trim bolts missing.

A-Pillar Trim Bolt (5 x 14 mm bolt with washer):  
P/N 93404-05014-08

#### WARRANTY CLAIM INFORMATION

Operation Number: 8570A5  
Flat Rate Time: 0.2 hour  
Failed Part: P/N 84101-STX-A02ZE  
Defect Code: 5MP00  
Symptom Code: R2200  
Skill Level: Repair Technician

## REPAIR PROCEDURE

### NOTE:

- If an A-pillar trim bolt is needed, do not use a generic bolt; use the bolt listed under PARTS INFORMATION.
  - Be careful not to scratch the A-pillar trim or the cover on the trim.
1. Insert a small, flat-tip screwdriver into the slot at the top of the A-pillar trim cover, then carefully pry open the cover.

*Is the A-pillar trim bolt installed?*

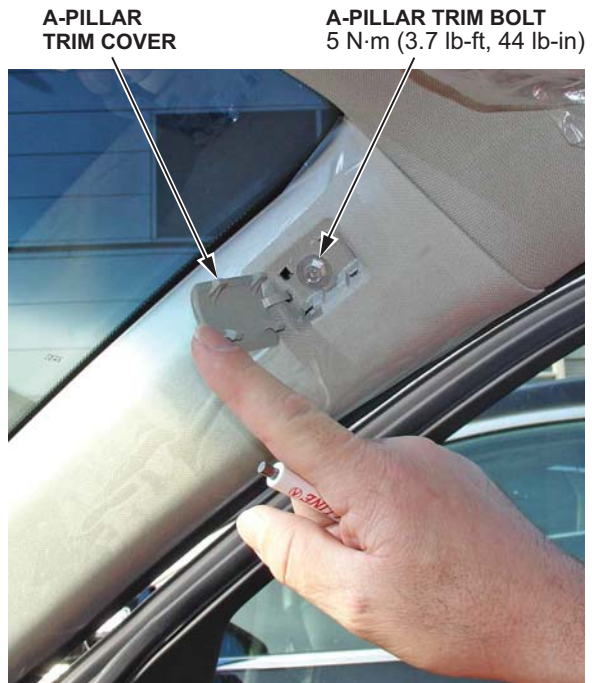
**Yes** - Go to step 2.

**No** - Go to step 3.

### TOP OF A-PILLAR TRIM



A-PILLAR TRIM COVER



2. Make sure the A-pillar trim bolt is torqued to **5 N·m (3.7 lb-ft, 44 lb-in)**. Reattach the bolt cover, then go to step 4.
3. Install a new A-pillar trim bolt, and torque it to **5 N·m (3.7 lb-ft, 44 lb-in)**. Reattach the bolt cover.
4. Repeat steps 1 thru 3 on the other A-pillar trim, as needed.
5. Center-punch a completion mark above the first character of the engine compartment VIN:

Center-punch here.

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December 23, 2009

Dear Service Manager:

Honda Motor Co., Ltd., has announced a safety recall campaign for certain 2010 MDXs. The bolt securing each A-pillar trim may be missing. In the case of a side curtain airbag deployment, the A-pillar trim could dislodge and cause an injury.

**Repair Strategy**

The repair is to check for the A-pillar trim bolts. If the bolts are installed, make sure they are properly torqued; if they are missing, install new bolts, and make sure they are properly torqued. For repair, VIN, parts, and warranty information, refer to Service Bulletin 09-058, *Safety Recall: A-Pillar Trim Bolts May be Missing*.

Vehicles affected by this campaign are in your new vehicle inventory. As a matter of federal law, these vehicles must be checked/repared before they are sold. Should a dealership sell an unrepaired vehicle that subsequently causes an injury or damage because of the recalled item, the dealership will be solely responsible to the damaged party, and will be required to defend and indemnify American Honda for any resulting claims.

To see if a vehicle is affected by this campaign, do a VIN status inquiry. In addition, check for a punch mark above the first character of the engine compartment VIN. A punch mark in that location means this campaign has already been completed.

**Client Notification**

Fewer than 10 potentially affected vehicles have been sold. Owners of these vehicles will be called and asked to return to the selling dealers to have their vehicles checked.

**Parts Information**

Only a small number of vehicles within the VIN range are expected to require one or both A-pillar trim bolts. Because of the limited availability of the bolts, do not order any until a vehicle is checked and found to have one or both A-pillar bolts missing. If a bolt is required, place an urgent order to ensure quick delivery.

Sincerely,

**American Honda Motor Co., Inc.  
Acura Automobile Division**