

DATE: October 04, 2010
TO: All Honda Sales, Service & Parts Managers

FROM: American Honda Parts and Service Divisions

RE: 1998~2002 Passport: Corrosion Affecting Forward Mounting Point Bracket of Rear Suspension Lower Link

On September 22, 2010, Isuzu Motors Limited notified NHTSA of a regional safety recall on the 1998-2002 Isuzu Rodeo, 2002 Isuzu Axiom and 1998-2002 Honda Passport.

Note: A Stop Sale is in effect on the affected vehicles until they have been inspected and repaired. Should the dealership sell an affected vehicle without first performing the inspection and any necessary repair, and the vehicle 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.

Basic Problem

Affected vehicles that were first sold or are currently registered in Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Kentucky, and the District of Colombia may have excessive corrosion in the area of the left or right forward mounting point bracket of the rear suspension lower link. In certain extreme cases, excessive corrosion in this vicinity may result in the left or right rear suspension lower link bracket becoming detached from the frame, which can affect vehicle handling and potentially cause a crash.

Campaign Information

American Honda Motor Co. and Isuzu Motors America, LLC are currently developing an inspection and repair procedure for the affected Passport units. These procedures are tailored to address various stages of rust damage and will require different repair procedures depending on the severity of the frame corrosion, if any. A customer notification will be mailed later and a Service Bulletin posted when the parts and repair tools are available to support this campaign.

Until a detailed campaign plan is available, if you have a vehicle in-stock or if a customer has a concern about their vehicle, please contact ACS at (800-999-1009 option 4) for instructions.

Parts Information

American Honda is in process of developing a delivery schedule for all related components and special tool required for the repair of the vehicle. This delivery schedule will be conveyed to you immediately upon receipt of the confirmed ETA from the supplier.