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From	Parts and Service Division
Subject	Stop Sale of 2007~2008 Fit - Low Beam Headlight Inoperative
DATE:	December 15, 2010
TO:	All Honda Sales, Service & Parts Managers
FROM:	American Honda Parts and Service Divisions
RE:	Stop Sale of 2007~2008 Fit – Low Beam Headlight Inoperative

Note: A Stop Sale is being put in effect for 2007~2008 Fits. Should an unrepaired vehicle cause 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

The wire harness connected to the headlight switch was misrouted during assembly at the Suzuka factory. This misrouting causes the wire connecting the low beam headlight circuit to be overly tensioned. Movement of the steering column and operation of the headlight switch controls can cause plating on the wire harness connectors for the low beam circuit to wear off, resulting in corrosion of the wire terminal. Arcing and heat buildup can cause the plastic connector to melt and flow into the pin terminal connection creating an open circuit. An open circuit condition would cause the low beam headlights to be inoperative.

Service Information

An iN message, including repair instructions, will be posted 12/17/10. Use these instructions to repair in-stock inventory. A Service Bulletin will be posted 12/23/10. The repair method depends on the pin terminal condition when the repair is performed. The majority of vehicles will require a wire section at the terminal end of wire the harness to be replaced. A small number of vehicles will additionally require replacement of the headlight switch and the plastic wire harness connector when arcing or melting has occurred.

A customer notification will be mailed in late January, 2011, depending on parts availability.

Parts Information

An initial allocation of the primary wire terminal kit will be allocated to dealers on 12/17/10. An additional allocation of this kit will follow next week. The 2 kits that include a replacement headlight switch will not be available for ordering until mid January.

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