



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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1919 TORRANCE BLVD.
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NVS-215dgl
11V-602

SUBJECT: FRONT SUSPENSION DAMPER BOLT

DEAR MR. JOSEPH:

This letter serves to acknowledge American Honda Motor Company's (Honda) notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a recall campaign which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the vehicles listed below.

Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:
HONDA/ODYSSEY/2012

NHTSA Campaign Number: 11V-602

Mfg's Report Date: December 22, 2011

Components: SUSPENSION: FRONT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 9

Summary:

HONDA IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2012, ODYSSEY VEHICLES MANUFACTURED FROM OCTOBER 31, 2011, THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2011. THE RETENTION NUT FOR THE FRONT RIGHT LOWER SUSPENSION DAMPER BOLT MAY NOT HAVE BEEN TIGHTENED TO THE PROPER TORQUE, POTENTIALLY ALLOWING THE NUT TO LOOSEN.

Consequence:

IF THE NUT LOOSENS, THE FRONT HUB ASSEMBLY WOULD ONLY BE ATTACHED BY ONE BOLT, ALLOWING THE WHEEL ASSEMBLY TO SHIFT TO AN EXTREME INWARD ANGLE, RESULTING IN A LOSS OF STEERING, INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

HONDA CONTACTED ALL NINE OWNERS BY PHONE ON DECEMBER 19, 2011, AND REPAIRED THE VEHICLES AS NECESSARY FREE OF CHARGE. OWNERS MAY CONTACT HONDA AT 1-800-999-1009.

Notes:

HONDA'S RECALL CAMPAIGN NUMBER IS S13. CUSTOMERS MAY CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

Honda indicated in its filing that it remedied all the vehicles covered by this recall. Please submit one quarterly report reflecting this information within 30 days of the close of the calendar quarter (e.g., no later than January 30, 2012). That submission will complete Honda's quarterly reporting obligation.

Your contact for this recall will be Delia Lopez who may be reached by phone at 1-202-366-9525, or by email at Delia.lopez@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you toward a successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Timian
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Enforcement