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March 21, 2011

Mr. Claude Harris
Acting Associate Administrator for Enforcement
NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY
ADMINISTRATION
Attn: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE

11V-181 (3 Pages)

Re:

Recall Notification

Washington, DC 20590

2011 Model Year Honda Odyssev

Front Door Glass

Dear Mr. Harris:

On March 17, 2011, Honda Motor Co., Ltd. (HMC) determined that a potential defect relating to motor vehicle safety exists in the front door glass of certain 2011 model year Honda Odyssey vehicles, 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 Manufacturing of Alabama L.L.C. (HMA)

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:

Make/Model D

Description

VIN Range/Dates of Manufacture

Honda Odyssey

Certain 2011 model year

5FNRL5H49BB014762 - 5FNRL5H65BB017563

Oct. 19, 2010 to Oct. 27, 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)(2)(iv)

Identification of affected component:

Component:

Front door glass assemblies

Country of Origin:

U.S.A.

Manufacturer:

Pilkington North America, Inc.

Contact Name: Address: Mr. James Spates, Quality Ambassador 102 Kuhman Drive, Versailles, KY 40383

Telephone No.:

(859) 873-2862

573.6(c)(3)

Total number of potentially affected vehicles:

2,800

573.6(c)(4)

Percentage of affected vehicles that contain the defect:

Unknown

573.6(c)(5)

Defect description:

Due to application of the incorrect primer fluid to the driver and front passenger door power window glass, the holding clips that attach to the glass by means of adhesive may separate from the glass. If the holding clips fail to adhere to the glass, the driver and front passenger power windows will be unable to operate, and could bind or drop into the front doors. It is possible for the front side windows to shatter into the passenger cabin, causing a risk of injury to the vehicle occupants.

573.6(c)(6)

Chronology:

October 14, 2010

Supplier used incorrect primer on the glass

October 19 ~ 27, 2010

Front windows with incorrect glass primer installed in vehicles at

HMA

December 2, 2010

HMA received first warranty claim

December 15, 2010

HMA received glass samples and initiated an investigation

December 22, 2010

HMA confirmed the incorrect glass primer had been applied

January 3, 2011

Supplier implemented preventive measures on production line

February 25, 2011

HMA received a claim of door glass broken and falling the pieces

to the driver.

March 8, 2011

A total of 97 warranty claims were received

March 17, 2011

Honda Motor Co., Ltd. (HMC) determined that a safety-related

defect exists and has decided to conduct a safety recall.

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 a Honda automobile dealer. The dealer will replace either the passenger's and/or the driver's front door window glass, free of charge.

573.6(c)(8)(ii)

The estimated date to e-mail preliminary notification to dealers: March 21, 2011

The estimated date to provide service bulletin to dealers:

March 22, 2011

The estimated date to begin sending notifications to owners:

April 15, 2011

The estimated date of completion of the notification:

May 5, 2011

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:

R73 (right door glass only) R74 (both front door glass)

Sincerely,

AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO., INC.

Jay Joseph

Senior Manager

Product Regulatory Office

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