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PRODUCT ALERT - SAFETY RECALL NOTICE

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To: NAPA

From: Affinia Global Brake & Chassis

Subject: Recall of Part No. 2601662 Ball Joint To Correct Part Interchange Error

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. Affinia Group, Inc., Global Brake & Chassis division, has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in NAPA Part No. 2601662 (front suspension lower ball joint), if this part is installed on Acura TL vehicles as a result of erroneous interchange information.

What is the Problem?

Part No. 2601662 is intended as replacement equipment for MY 2003 – 2007 Honda Accord and MY 2004 - 2008 Acura TSX vehicles. Due to an application catalogue error, on or about February 8, 2011, Affinia communicated to NAPA that this part could also be used as a replacement part on MY 2004 – 2008 Acura TL vehicles. Affinia was subsequently advised by its supplier that this interchange is erroneous. (We understand that NAPA corrected its application catalogue on May 24, 2011.)

An installer relying on this incorrect information could potentially misapply this part on a MY 2004 - 2008 Acura TL vehicle. (Note: The stud nut in the Part No. 2601662 ball joint package is of insufficient diameter at the flange for the Acura TL application.) Misapplication of this part could lead to separation of the ball joint from the lower control arm and to suspension collapse.

Affinia is recalling all parts that remain in dealer/distributor inventory and removing this part number from its catalog and interchange database to prevent the incorrect catalogue/ interchange information from being accessed or referenced in the future.

Affinia is also recalling these parts to the extent any were installed on Acura TL vehicles as a result of this error. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** This part is appropriate and is not considered defective for the Honda Accord and Acura TSX applications specified above, and Affinia is not recalling those parts when installed on those vehicles, although it is recalling all such parts from dealer inventory.

What Should You Do?

NAPA and NAPA dealers should quarantine all remaining inventory of Part No. 2601662 and return them to Affinia at:



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Attn: Warranty Admin
Contact phone number: 815-759-7757

Please include the appropriate returned goods paperwork to ensure proper credit. These returns will be made freight collect. Replacement inventories will be available as noted below.

Catalogue corrections that have been provided regarding this issue should be immediately processed and communicated.

Installing dealers should check their records to determine whether any of these parts were installed on Acura TL vehicles on or after February 7, 2011. If any are identified, NAPA or the dealer should send the attached "Safety Recall Notice" to the customer. The notice contains remedy instructions and other important information. On these vehicles, NAPA Part No. 2601662 should be replaced with new NAPA Part No. 2601791. (If the NAPA replacement ball joint is not available, the OEM assembly should be considered as the replacement product.) All product and labor costs associated with this recall will be reimbursed via the normal NAPA Labor Claim Process.

New Part Numbers

Affinia has replaced Part No. 2601662 with two new part numbers:

Part No. 2601797 2004 – 2008 Acura TSX
(available 6/1/11) 2003 – 2007 Honda Accord

Part No. 2601791 2004 – 2008 Acura TL application
(available est. 7/17/11)

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We appreciate your support and thank you for assisting with this campaign. If you have any questions, please contact Affinia at (815) 759-7757.

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Enclosure (Consumer "Safety Recall Notice")