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DATE: February 16, 2011
TO: All Honda Sales, Service & Parts Managers
FROM: American Honda Parts and Service Divisions
RE: Recall/Stop Sale of 2009~2010 Fit Engine Stalling

Note: Effective today, 2/16/11, a Stop Sale is in effect for 2009 and a limited number of 2010 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 lost motion springs in the cylinder head can move in a lateral direction due to high sliding surface pressure. If displaced laterally, a spring can contact the cover that encapsulates the spring coils causing high stress at the 2nd or 4th coil. Eventually the spring can break and could interfere with normal camshaft rotation. Engine damage or stalling could occur.

Service Information

A Service Bulletin will be posted for viewing 02/19/11. The repair requires replacement of the 4 lost motion springs with a countermeasured spring. **A special tool is required to hold the rocker arm assembly together during disassembly. Each dealership will be mailed one tool via FedEx overnight on 2/18/11.** Additional tools can be ordered from the American Honda Special Tools Group.

A customer notification will be mailed beginning March 7th, 2011.

Parts Information

Parts will be available for open order beginning 2/18/11 to support the Service Bulletin posting. There will be a sufficient quantity of spring sets to repair all dealer units in inventory.

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