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Subject Stop Sale/Safety Recall: 2003-2006 MDX Shift Interlock

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TO: All Acura Sales, Service & Parts Managers and Personnel

FROM: Acura Parts & Service Division, Campaign Administration

RE: Stop Sale/Safety Recall: 2003-2006 MDX Shift Interlock

On December 11, 2012, Acura announced a stop sale and safety recall for all 2003-2006 MDX models due to potential shift interlock lever failure. When the campaign was launched, countermeasure levers and key cylinders were not available for order. As of today, February 2, 2013, the countermeasure parts are in stock and available for dealer ordering, and a repair procedure has been posted to ISIS.

Note: Affected vehicles should not be sold until the repair has been performed. Should an unrepaired vehicle cause any injury or damage because of the required recall repair, the dealership will be solely responsible to the damaged party, and will be required to defend and indemnify Acura for any resulting claims.

Basic Problem

Under certain conditions, the interlock lever of the ignition switch may unexpectedly deform. The interlock ensures the transmission is in Park before the ignition key can be removed. Interlock failure may allow the ignition key to be removed when the shift lever is not in Park. If the driver fails to engage the parking brake, the vehicle could roll away, increasing the risk of a crash.

Campaign Information

Affected vehicles will be subject to an inspection. If the key can be removed when the shift lever is not in Park, the key cylinder will be replaced, and an improved shift interlock lever will be installed. In cases where the shift interlock functions normally, the improved shift interlock lever will be installed. Acura expects that roughly 80% of the affected vehicles will require only the improved shift interlock lever, while the remaining 20% may also require replacement of the key cylinder.

S/B 12-044: *Safety Recall: Ignition Key is Removable With the Shift Lever Out of Park* has been removed from ISIS, and S/B 13-005: *Safety Recall: 2003–2006 MDX Key Is Removable With Shift Lever Out of Park* has been added.

Parts Information

Parts information is available in S/B 13-005. Acura estimates that most vehicles will only require replacement of the shift interlock lever, while a smaller number will require replacement of both the shift lever and key cylinder.

Tool Information

Special tools to support the recall repairs were distributed to all dealerships on Thursday, January 31, 2013. For questions or tracking information, call the Special Tools hotline at 1-800-346-6327.

Warranty and Repair Information

Warranty and repair information is detailed in S/B 13-005, which was posted to ISIS February 2, 2013.

Client Information

Client notification is scheduled to begin mid to late February.