

April 23, 2013

Ms. Nancy Lewis  
Associate Administrator for Enforcement  
NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY  
ADMINISTRATION  
Attn: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

**Re: Non-compliance Notification  
2012-2013 Model Year Honda Fit Sport  
Vehicle Stability Assist**

Dear Ms. Lewis:

On April 16, 2013 Honda Motor Co., Ltd. (HMC) determined that a non-compliance with FMVSS 126 "Electronic Stability Control Systems" exists in the Vehicle Stability Assist (VSA) system of certain 2012-2013 model year Honda Fit Sport automobiles, and is providing 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 Motor Co., Ltd. (HMC)

**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	Description	VIN Range/Dates of Manufacture
Honda Fit Sport	Certain 2012 model year	JHMGE8H67CC000005 - JHMGE8H63CC042221 5/23/2011 - 6/29/2012
		JHMGE8H64CS000002 - JHMGE8G58CS009231 8/31/2011 - 2/28/2012
	Certain 2013 model year	JHMGE8H5XDC000041 - JHMGE8H60DC038340 7/2/2012 - 3/22/2013

**Description of the basis for the determination of the recall population:**

The recall population was determined based on manufacturing records. The VIN range reflects all possible vehicles that could potentially experience the problem.

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**Total number of potentially affected vehicles:** 43,782

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**Percentage of affected vehicles that contain the defect:** 100%

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**Defect description:**

The VSA system on certain 2012-2013 model year Honda Fit Sport vehicles equipped with certain tires may allow yaw rates that exceed the FMVSS 126 test standards at high steering wheel angles, causing the vehicles to fail to comply with S5.2.1 and S5.2.2 of FMVSS 126.

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**Chronology:**

March 20, 2013	NHTSA notified AHM that the 2013 model year Honda Fit Sport failed an FMVSS 126 indicant test and that measurement equipment used in the test had expired calibration. A re-test was scheduled for April 9, 2013.
March 21, 2013	Honda initiated an investigation for non-compliance.
April 9, 2013	NHTSA performed the FMVSS 126 compliance test and the 2013 model year Honda Fit Sport failed.
April 16, 2013	Honda completed the investigation and determined that a non-compliance exists and decided to conduct a non-compliance recall.

573.6(c)(8)(i)

**Program for remedying the defect:**

The owners of all affected vehicles, regardless of which tires it has been equipped with, will be contacted by mail and asked to take their vehicle to a Honda automobile dealer. The dealers will update the VSA software in all affected vehicles, free of charge.

573.6(c)(8)(ii)

**The estimated date to e-mail preliminary notification to dealers:** April 24, 2013

**The estimated date to provide service bulletin to dealers:** April 24, 2013

**The estimated date to begin sending notifications to owners:** May 17, 2013

**The estimated date of completion of the notification:** May 18, 2013

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**Representative copies of all notices, bulletins and other communications:**

A copy of the dealer service bulletin, the final customer notification letter and other dealer communication will be submitted to your office as soon as possible.

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**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:**

S99

Sincerely,

AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO., INC.



Jay Joseph  
Senior Manager  
Product Regulatory Office

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