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July 5, 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 base model
Vehicle Stability Assist (VSA)**

Dear Ms. Lewis:

On April 16, 2013 Honda Motor Co., Ltd. (HMC) determined that a non-compliance with FMVSS 126 "Electronic Stability Control Systems" existed in the Vehicle Stability Assist (VSA) system of certain 2012-2013 model year Honda Fit Sport automobiles, and provided notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reports on April 23, 2013. This recall was issued NHTSA campaign 13V-157.

On June 27, 2013 HMC determined that NHTSA recall 13V-157 should be expanded to include 2012-2013 Honda Fit base model vehicles, and we are providing notification to NHTSA today, July 5, 2013.

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

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Identification of potentially affected vehicles:

Make/Model	Description	VIN Range/Dates of Manufacture
Honda Fit base	Certain 2012 model year	JHMGE8G37CC000013 - JHMGE8G39CC041551 6/27/2011 - 7/3/2012
		JHMGE8H35CS000001 - JHMGE8G3XCS009150 8/31/2011 - 2/10/2012
	Certain 2013 model year	JHMGE8G39DC000001 - JHMGE8H35DC045032 7/2/2012 - 4/19/2013

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: 48,138

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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 base model 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:

April 23, 2013	AHM submitted a 573 report to NHTSA (13V-157) for 2012-13 Honda Fit Sport model
May 9-10, 2013	A 2012 model year Honda Fit base model failed a FMVSS 126 indicant test
May 31, 2013	A 2013 model year Honda Fit base model passed a FMVSS 126 indicant test
June 27, 2013	Honda determined that a non-compliance exists and decided to conduct a non-compliance recall.

As of June 27, 2013 Honda has received no claims and there are no reports of injuries or crashes related to this issue.

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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.

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The estimated date to e-mail preliminary notification to dealers:	July 5, 2013
The estimated date to provide service bulletin to dealers:	July 5, 2013
The estimated date to begin sending notifications to owners:	August 1, 2013

The estimated date of completion of the notification:

August 8, 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.

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Manufacturer's campaign number:

S99

Sincerely,

AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO., INC.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jay Joseph", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Jay Joseph
Senior Manager
Product Regulatory Office

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cc: Claude Harris, NHTSA