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RE: Safety Recall: 2013 Accord Fuel Tank Leak Q&A File

On July 5, 2013, American Honda notified NHTSA of a **Stop Sale** order and **Safety Recall** for some 2013 Accord units. Please refer to the attached Q&A File for additional details related to this Safety Recall.

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2013 Accord Fuel Tank Leak Safety Recall Q&A

What is the reason for this recall?	The fuel tanks in these vehicles may not seal properly at a connection point on the top of the tank, creating the risk of a fuel leak.
Why is the fuel tank not sealing properly?	There is a different fuel tank specification for PZEV and non-PZEV (LEV II) Accord models, requiring two different mold cores and different plastic materials in the molding process for the fuel tank. During production of a small number of fuel tanks, the LEV II material was used with the PZEV mold core by mistake. The LEV II material has a different shrink rate compared to the PZEV material; as a result, when the LEV II material was used with the PZEV mold core, the screw neck on top of the tank ended up being out of spec. When the fuel pump connection is made at the top of the tank, it's possible for cross-threading to occur, preventing a good seal.
What do PZEV and LEVII mean?	Partial Zero Emissions Vehicle (PZEV) and Low Emissions Vehicle II (LEV II) are two different emissions standards applied in the U.S. depending on the state. Honda manufactures 4-cylinder Accords to meet either the PZEV or LEV II standard based on the state in which the car will be sold. Note: All V6 Accord models are LEV II only, regardless of the state, and the LEV II fuel tank is the same in both 4-cylinder and V6 models.
Does this recall include both 4-cylinder and V6 models?	Yes. 4-cylinder and V6 Accord Sedans and 4-cylinder Coupes are included in the recall in the U.S.
Since the issue is with the LEV II fuel tanks, does that mean that the recall affects only cars in non-PZEV states?	No. Since Accord V6 models are included, some states where Honda sells PZEV Accord 4-cylinders may be included.
What will be done to repair recalled vehicles?	A Honda dealer will replace the fuel tank and an associated nut and o-ring.
How long will the fuel tank replacement take?	Customers should ask their dealers for a time estimate when making an appointment for repair, as each dealer's daily schedule is different. The fuel tank replacement itself takes under 2 hours.
Is this a supplier issue or a Honda design issue?	The issue is the result of a supplier error during manufacture of the fuel tank.
When will customers be notified?	Customer notification letters will be mailed on August 2, 2013. Additionally, at that time, owners will be able to check their vehicle recall status online at www.recalls.honda.com .
What should a customer do if their vehicle is experiencing a problem now?	If a customer is currently experiencing a MIL (aka "Check Engine Light") or a fuel smell, they should contact a Honda dealer as soon as possible to schedule an inspection. This recall applies to a limited number of specific vehicles, and it is unnecessary for all owners of these vehicles to visit a dealer. However, we want each customer who receives a notification letter and has the condition to have their vehicle repaired.
Are all 2013 Accords part of this recall?	No. Only 1,659 specific vehicles are affected by the recall in the US.
Is there a potential to include other vehicles in the future?	We are confident that we have identified all of the potentially affected vehicles and do not expect to add any in the future.
Where were these vehicles built?	Marysville, Ohio.