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Subject Stop Sale/Safety Recall: 2003 MDX SRS Unit Malfunction

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TO: All Acura Sales, Service & Parts Managers and Personnel
FROM: Acura Parts, Service & Technical Division, Campaign Administration
RE: Stop Sale/Safety Recall: 2003 MDX SRS Unit Malfunction

On September 18, 2013, Acura notified NHTSA of a **Stop Sale** order and **Safety Recall** for some 2003 MDX units. Any used units in dealer stock must be repaired per S/B 13-038, *Safety Recall: Electrical Interference May Cause Inadvertent Airbag Deployment* prior to sale. **On September 19th, refer to VIN Inquiry to determine which units in your inventory are affected.** Acura expects to begin client notification in late October 2013.

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

Electrical noise caused by some vehicle systems may cause damage to the SRS control unit. In some cases, this damage may lead to spontaneous deployment of the airbags.

Repair Information

All affected vehicles require replacement of the SRS sub-harness with a redesigned sub-harness that includes a noise suppressor.

Parts Information

Replacement SRS unit sub-harness kits are currently on order. Additional details will be distributed once parts are made available. Acura will issue a second iN message with additional parts details once kits become available for order.

Warranty Information

Warranty and repair information will be detailed in S/B 13-038, which will be posted to ISIS once replacement parts are made available.

Service Bulletin

A placeholder version of service bulletin 13-038 will be posted to ISIS on September 19, 2013, in support of this safety recall. Once parts are available for order, the bulletin will be revised to include repair, parts, and warranty information.

Customer Notification

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As always, please be sure to check in VIN status to determine if a particular vehicle is eligible for this recall.

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