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

FROM: American Honda Parts & Service Division, Campaign Administration

RE: Stop Sale/Safety Recall: 2006 CR-V Front Lower Control Arm Weld

On March 22, 2012, American Honda notified NHTSA of a **Stop Sale** order and **Safety Recall** for some 2006 CR-V units. Any used units in dealer stock must be inspected and if necessary, repaired, prior to sale. **Refer to VIN inquiry to determine which units in your inventory are affected.** American Honda Motor Co. expects to begin customer notification on or about April 17, 2012.

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 American Honda for any resulting claims.

Basic Problem

A very small number of front lower control arms were welded improperly. An improperly welded arm may break while the vehicle is being driven, reducing handling and increasing the risk of crash.

All affected vehicles will require inspection of the right front lower control arm. Lower control arms stamped with either E24 or E25 will require replacement with properly welded lower control arms.

Campaign Information

A preliminary version of Service Bulletin 12-020 was posted to ISIS March 23, 2012, and the final version is expected to post by April 6, 2012. Customer mailings are currently scheduled to begin on or about April 17, 2012.

Parts Information

Replacement lower control arms can be ordered through normal procedures. Refer to S/B 12-020 for parts information. Because most vehicles included in the recall will not require control arm replacement, please only place orders if you have confirmed that a particular vehicle requires repair. Replaced parts may be collected for inspection at any time, and claims against parts stamped with anything other than E24 or E25 will be debited.

Warranty and Repair Information

Warranty and repair information is detailed in the preliminary version of S/B 12-020, which was posted on ISIS on March 23, 2012.

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