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## Safety Recall: TSX Rear Wire Harness

(Supersedes 04-026, dated September 17, 2004 to revise the information highlighted in yellow)

### AFFECTED VEHICLES

Year	Model	Trim	VIN Range
2004	TSX	ALL	Check the iN VIN status for eligibility

### REVISION SUMMARY

Under WARRANTY CLAIM INFORMATION, a labor operation number was changed.

### BACKGROUND

The rear wire harness near the left side trunk hinge is not adequately protected and could be damaged when the trunk is repeatedly opened and closed. A damaged wire harness can cause a blown fuse or an open circuit, with either resulting in a loss of the backup lights, the license plate light, the left or right taillight, and/or the trunk release button function. Driving without back-up lights or driving at night without taillights can make it difficult for other drivers to see the vehicle, and a crash could occur.

NOTE: This problem does not affect the brake lights.

### CLIENT NOTIFICATION

Owners of affected vehicles were sent a notification of this campaign.

Do an iN VIN status inquiry to make sure the vehicle is shown as eligible.

Some vehicles affected by this campaign may be in your used vehicle inventory. These vehicles must be repaired before they are sold.

Federal law requires that all affected new vehicles be repaired before sale. In addition, failure to repair a vehicle subject to a recall or campaign may subject your dealership to claims or lawsuits from the customer or anyone else harmed as a result of such failure. Furthermore, state law may provide American Honda with the right to seek indemnification in any such claim or lawsuit. To see if a vehicle in inventory is affected by this recall, do a VIN status inquiry before selling it.

### CORRECTIVE ACTION

Inspect the rear wire harness for twisting or damage.

- If the rear wire harness is not twisted or damaged, cover it with protective tubing and tape near the left side of the trunk lid.
- If the rear wire harness is twisted or damaged, replace it.

### PARTS INFORMATION

Part Name	Part Number	Quantity
Corrugated Plastic Tube Kit (Contains one tube, two wire harness clips, and one roll of electrical tape)	06321-SEA-000	1
Rear Wire Harness	32108-SEA-A01	1

**CLIENT INFORMATION:** The information in this bulletin is intended for use only by skilled technicians who have the proper tools, equipment, and training to correctly and safely maintain your vehicle. These procedures should not be attempted by "do-it-yourselfers," and you should not assume this bulletin applies to your vehicle, or that your vehicle has the condition described. To determine whether this information applies, contact an authorized Acura automobile dealer.

## WARRANTY CLAIM INFORMATION

Operation Number	Description	Flat Rate Time	Defect Code	Symptom Code	Template ID	Failed Part Number
7370A3	Inspect rear wire harness, and install plastic tube.	0.5 hr	5KA00	P4500	04-026A	32108-SEA-A00
<b>7370D2</b>	Inspect and replace rear wire harness.	0.9 hr	5KA00	P4500	04-026B	32108-SEA-A00

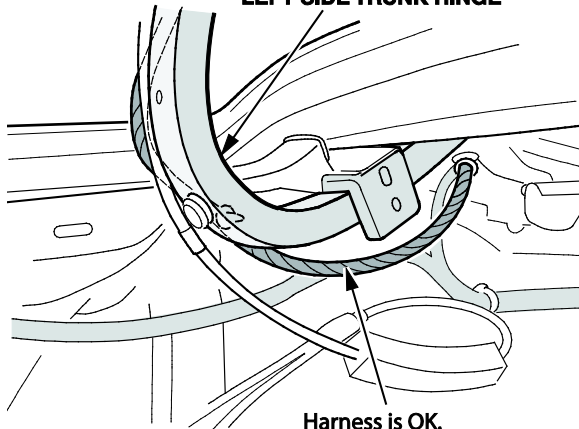
Skill Level: Repair Technician

## INSPECTION

1. Remove the trunk floor, the trunk rear trim panel, the left side trunk trim panel, and the left side trunk lid hinge cover. For more information about removing these parts, refer to service information.
2. Inspect the rear wire harness where it attaches to the left hinge of the trunk. The harness should have only a slight bend in it. It should not be twisted or damaged.
  - If the rear wire harness is not twisted or damaged, go to **REPAIR PROCEDURE A**.
  - If the rear wire harness is twisted and/or damaged, go to **REPAIR PROCEDURE B**.

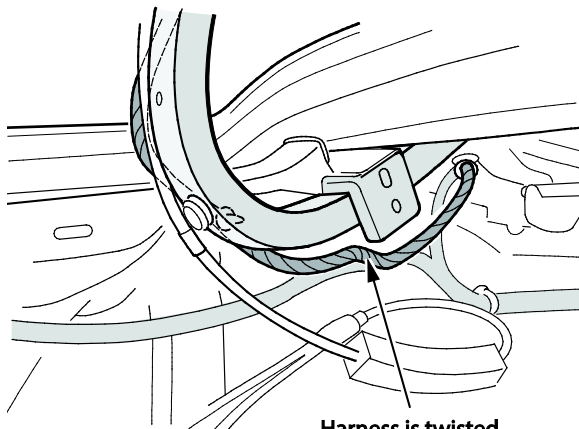
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**LEFT SIDE TRUNK HINGE**



Harness is OK.  
Install plastic tube and tape.

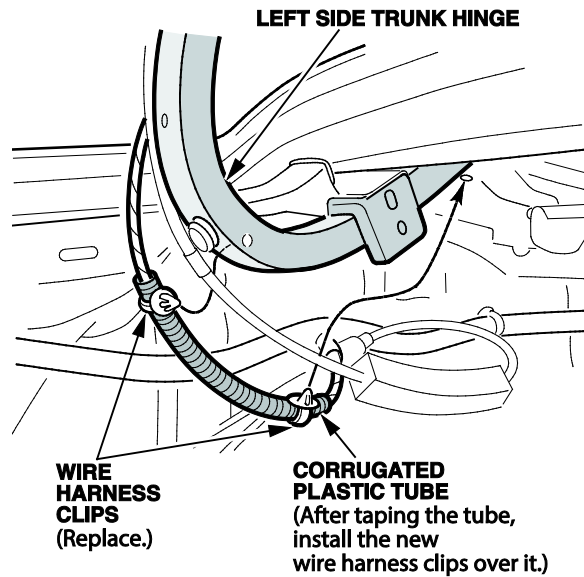
**NO GOOD**



Harness is twisted  
and must be replaced.

## REPAIR PROCEDURE A

1. Detach the two wire harness clips from the hinge and the body, then remove and discard these clips.



2. Install the corrugated plastic tube on the wire harness in the area between the removed clips. Then wrap the tube with the electrical tape, and install new clips over the tube as shown.

NOTE: Make sure the wire harness bends smoothly without any kinks.

3. Attach the wire harness clips to the body and to the hinge.
4. Check the rear lights and the trunk opener. If there are any problems, check your work.
5. Reinstall the trunk trim pieces, and replace any trim clips that may have broken.

## REPAIR PROCEDURE B

1. Disconnect the clips attaching the rear wire harness to the vehicle.
2. Lay out the new rear harness inside the trunk.
3. Using the rear wire harness chart/illustration on page 4, locate connector number 1 (3P, GRY, right rear turn signal) on the original harness.
4. Disconnect connector number 1 from the original harness, and connect the appropriate connector from the new harness in its place.
5. Using the chart/illustration on page 4, continue disconnecting the connectors (and the body ground terminal) from the original wire harness, and connect the appropriate connectors from the new wire harness. Discard the original wire harness.

NOTE:

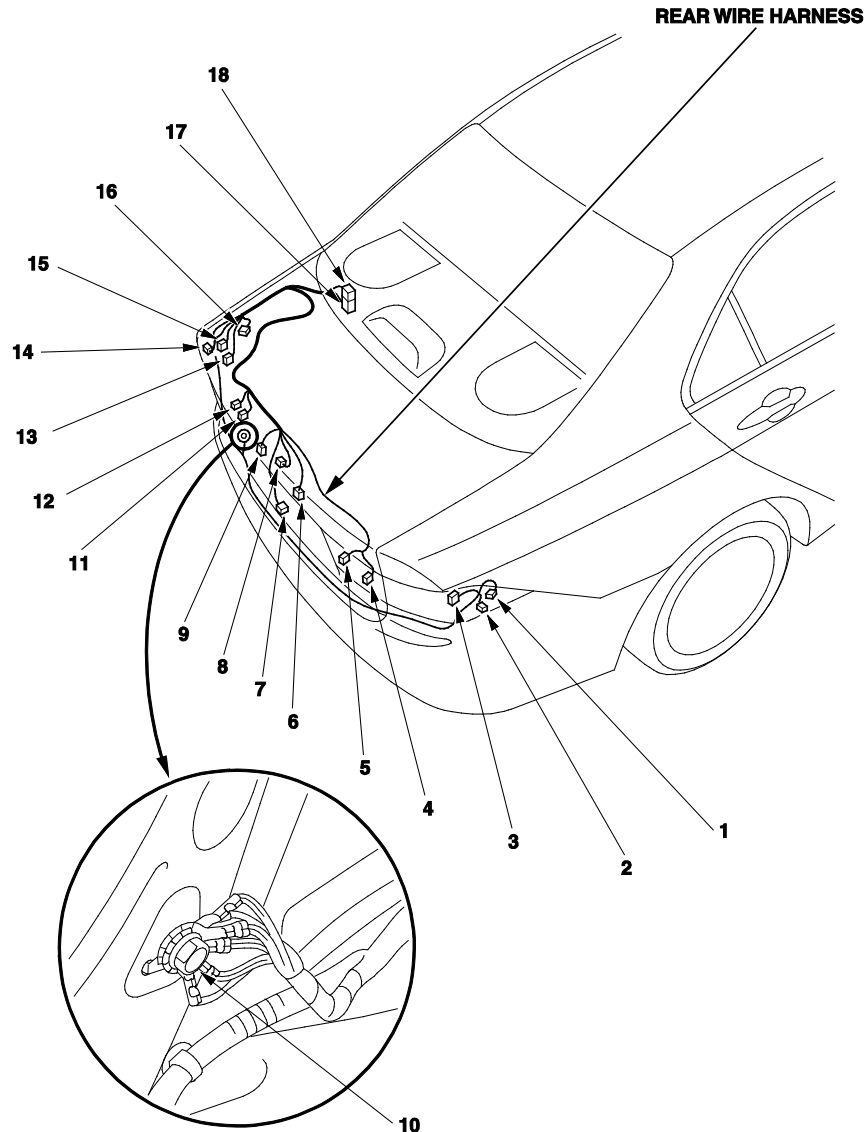
- Do not bend or twist the new wire harness excessively.
  - Make sure all connectors on the new wire harness are secure.
6. Insert the clips on the new wire harness into the appropriate holes on the vehicle.

NOTE: Make sure the new wire harness is not pinched or excessively loose in any areas.

7. Check the rear lights and the trunk opener. If there are any problems, recheck the fit of the connectors.
8. Reinstall the trunk trim pieces, and replace any trim clips that may have broken.

## Rear Wire Harness

Ref	Connector or Terminal	Cavities/ Color	Location	Connects to	Notes
1	Right rear turn signal light	3-GRY	Right side of trunk	Body ground via rear wire harness	
2	Right rear side marker light	2-GRY	Right side of trunk		
3	Right brake light/taillight	4-GRY	Right side of trunk		
4	Right inner taillight	2-BLK	Right side of trunk lid		
5	Right back-up light	3-GRY	Right side of trunk lid		
6	License plate light connector B	2-GRY	Middle of trunk lid		
7	Trunk latch switch	3-GRY	Middle of trunk lid		
8	Trunk lid opener switch	2-BLU	Middle of trunk lid		
9	License plate light connector A	2-GRY	Middle of trunk lid		
10	G701		Left side of trunk		
11	Left back-up light	3-GRY	Left side of trunk lid	Rear junction block	
12	Left inner taillight	2-BLK	Left side of trunk lid		
13	Left brake light/taillight	4-GRY	Left side of trunk		
14	Left rear side marker light	2-GRY	Left side of trunk		
15	Left rear turn signal light	3-GRY	Left side of trunk		
16	Trailer lighting connector	2-GRY	Left side of trunk		
17	C703 (Junction connector)	10-WHT	Left side of trunk		
18	C702 (Junction connector)	14-WHT	Left side of trunk		



END

## Example of Customer Letter

October 2004

### **Safety Recall: TSX Trunk Wire Harness**

Dear TSX Owner:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

#### **What is the reason for this notice?**

Honda Motor Co., Ltd., has decided that a defect relating to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2004 TSXs. A wire harness in the trunk may rub or contact the trunk hinge. Opening and closing the trunk could eventually damage the harness. A damaged harness can result in a loss of license plate light, back-up light, and/or partial taillight function. Loss of a taillight could reduce visibility, and a vehicle crash could occur.

#### **What should you do?**

Call any authorized Acura dealer and make an appointment to have your vehicle inspected. If any wires in the harness are damaged, the dealer will replace the harness. If no damage is found, the dealer will install a protective covering over the harness to prevent damage. The inspection and any repairs will be done free of charge. Please plan to leave your vehicle for at least half a day to allow the dealer flexibility in scheduling.

#### **Who to contact if you experience problems.**

If you are not satisfied with the service you receive from your Acura dealer, you may write to:

American Honda Motor Co., Inc.  
Acura Client Services  
Mail Stop 500-2N-7E  
1919 Torrance Blvd.  
Torrance, CA 90501-2746

If you believe that American Honda or the dealer has failed or is unable to remedy the defect in your vehicle, without charge, within a reasonable period of time (60 days from the date you first contact the dealer for a repair appointment), you may submit a complaint to:

Administrator  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
400 Seventh Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20590

Or call the toll-free Safety Hotline at (888) 327-4236.

#### **What to do if you feel this notice is in error.**

Our records show that you are the current owner or lessee of a 2004 TSX involved in this campaign. If this is not the case, or the name/address information is not correct, please fill out and return the enclosed, postage-paid Information Change Card. We will then update our records.

#### **Lessor Information.**

Federal law requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within 10 days.

#### **If you have questions.**

If you have any questions about this notice, or need assistance with contacting an Acura dealer, please call Acura Client Services at (800) 382-2238, and select menu option #1.

We apologize for any inconvenience this campaign may cause you.

Sincerely,

**American Honda Motor Co., Inc.**  
**Acura Automobile Division**