



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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TORRANCE, CA 90501

NVS-215et
12V-222

SUBJECT: POWER STEERING HOSE

DEAR MR. JOSEPH:

This letter serves to acknowledge American Honda Motor Company's (Honda) notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall campaign which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the vehicles listed below.

Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:
ACURA/TL/2007-2008

NHTSA Campaign Number: 12V-222

Mfg's Report Date: May 16, 2012

Components: STEERING: HYDRAULIC POWER ASSIST: HOSE, PIPING, AND CONNECTIONS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 52,615

Summary:

HONDA IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2007-2008 ACURA TL VEHICLES. PROLONGED UNDER-HOOD AND POWER STEERING FLUID TEMPERATURES MAY CAUSE THE POWER STEERING HOSE TO DETERIORATE PREMATURELY, RESULTING IN CRACKS AND POWER STEERING FLUID LEAKAGE.

Consequence:

IF THIS OCCURS, POWER STEERING FLUID CAN LEAK ONTO A HOT CATALYTIC CONVERTER, LEADING TO SMOKE AND POSSIBLY AN UNDER-HOOD FIRE.

Remedy:

HONDA WILL NOTIFY OWNERS, AND DEALERS WILL INSTALL A NEW HEAT RESISTANT POWER STEERING HOSE, FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON, OR ABOUT, JUNE 15, 2012. OWNERS MAY CONTACT HONDA CUSTOMER SERVICE AT 1-800-999-1009.

Notes:

HONDA'S RECALL CAMPAIGN NUMBER IS S39. CUSTOMERS MAY CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

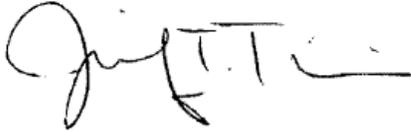
Please be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Edison Thompson who may be reached by phone at 1-202-366-9525, or by email at Edison.Thompson@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you toward a successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement