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Mr. Daniel C. Smith
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY
ADMINISTRATION
Attn: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Mr. Smith:

On November 4, 2008, Honda Motor Co., Ltd. (HMC) determined that a potential defect relating to motor vehicle safety exists in the driver airbag of certain 2001 model year Honda Accord and Civic automobiles, and is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reports.

On June 23, 2009, HMC determined that that VIN range for recall 08V-593 should be expanded for 2001 model year Accord and Civic automobiles and is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reports.

573.6(c)(1)

Name of manufacturer: Honda Motor Co., Ltd. (HMC)
Honda of American Manufacturing, Inc. (HAM)
Honda Canada Manufacturing, Inc. (HCM)
Honda de Mexico (HDM)

Manufacturer's agent: William R. Willen
American Honda Motor Co., Inc. (AHM)
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Identification of potentially affected vehicles:

| <u>Make/Model</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>VIN Range/Dates of Manufacture</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Honda Civic | Certain 2001 model year | TBD |
| Honda Accord | Certain 2001 model year | TBD |

Description of the basis for the determination of the recall population:
The recall population was based on manufacturing records. The VIN range reflects all possible vehicles that could potentially experience the problem.

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Total number of potentially affected vehicles: TBD

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Percentage of affected vehicles that contain the defect: Unknown

573.6(c)(5)
Defect description:
In certain vehicles, the driver's airbag inflator could produce excessive internal pressure. If an affected airbag deploys, the increased internal pressure may cause the inflator to rupture. Metal fragments could pass through the airbag cushion material possibly causing injury to vehicle occupants

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Chronology:

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| Nov. 11, 2008 | AHM submitted 573 report to NHTSA (08V-593). HAM continued the investigation for returned inflators of the recall. |
| May 28, 2009 | AHM notified of unusual driver airbag deployment. |
| June 9, 2009 | AHM notified of second unusual driver airbag deployment. |
| June 23, 2009 | HAM completed the investigation and HMC determined that recall 08V-593 should be expanded. |

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Program for remedying the defect:
The owners of all affected vehicles will be contacted by mail and asked to take their vehicle to a Honda automobile dealer. The dealer will replace the airbag inflator free of charge.

573.6(c)(8)(ii)
The estimated date to e-mail preliminary notification to dealers: TBD
The estimated date to provide service bulletin to dealers: TBD
The estimated date to begin sending notifications to owners: TBD
The estimated date of completion of the notification: TBD

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Representative copies of all notices, bulletins and other communications:

A copy of the dealer service bulletin and text of the final customer notification letter will be submitted to your office as soon as possible.

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Proposed owner notification letter submission:

A draft of the owner notification letter will be submitted to your office as soon as possible.

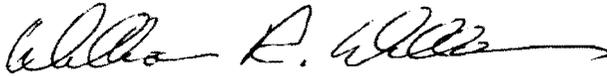
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Manufacturer's campaign number:

TBD

Sincerely,

AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO., INC.



William R. Willen
Managing Counsel
Product Regulatory Office

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