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January 27, 2010

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

10V-033
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**Re: Recall Notification
2007-2008 Model Year Honda Fit
Power Window Switch**

Dear Mr. Smith:

On January 20, 2010, Honda Motor Co., Ltd. (HMC) determined that a potential defect relating to motor vehicle safety exists in the power window switch of certain 2007-08 model year Honda Fit 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)

Manufacturer's agent: Jay Joseph
American Honda Motor Co., Inc. (AHM)
1919 Torrance Blvd.
Torrance, CA 90501-2746

573.6(c)(2)

Identification of potentially affected vehicles:

<u>Make/Model</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>VIN Range/Dates of Manufacture</u>
Honda Fit	Certain 2007 model year	JHMGD38687S000001 – JHMGD38477S068661 July 20, 2005 – July 20, 2007
Honda Fit	Certain 2008 model year	JHMGD37648S000001 – JHMGD38418S074487 May 7, 2007 – July 1, 2008

Description of the basis for the determination of the recall population:

The recall population was based on manufacturing records and the market occurrence situation. The VIN range reflects all possible vehicles that could potentially experience the problem.

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Total number of potentially affected vehicles: approx. 141,000

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Percentage of affected vehicles that contain the defect: Unknown

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Defect description:

Under severe condition, water may enter the driver's window and reach the master power window switch resulting in impaired function of the switch. If the master power window switch is damaged as a result of the water intrusion it may result in failure of the switch and overheating. An overheating switch can cause smoke, melting and fire.

573.6(c)(6)

Chronology:

Jan. 25, 2008	HMC received complaint and initiated an investigation.
May 13, 2008	HMC completed the investigation and determined that no safety-related defect exists because it was caused by customer usage (spilled drink).
Sept. 30, 2009	HMC received complaint from South African market and initiated an investigation.
Jan. 20, 2010	HMC completed the investigation and determined that a safety-related defect exists.

573.6(c)(8)(i)

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 inspect the switch and install a cover around the switch housing to prevent water from entering the switch. If the switch is damaged, the switch will be replaced and a cover will be installed. All work will be performed free of charge.

573.6(c)(8)(ii)

The estimated date to e-mail preliminary notification to dealers: Jan. 27, 2010

The estimated date to provide service bulletin to dealers: Feb. 5, 2010

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.

573.6(c)(10)

Proposed owner notification letter submission:

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

573.6(c)(11)

Manufacturer's campaign number:

TBD

Sincerely,

AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO., INC.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jay Joseph /jwa". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Jay Joseph
Senior Manager
Product Regulatory Office

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