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April 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

**Re: Recall Notification
2004-08 Model Year Acura TSX
Power Steering Hose**

Dear Mr. Smith:

On April 20, 2010, Honda Motor Co., Ltd. (HMC) determined that a potential defect relating to motor vehicle safety exists in the power steering hose of certain 2004-08 model year Acura TSX 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

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Identification of potentially affected vehicles:

<u>Make/Model</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>VIN Range/Dates of Manufacture</u>
Acura TSX	Certain 2004 model year	JH4CL95964C000006 – JH4CL96924C046494 Sept. 25, 2002 to Sept. 29, 2004
Acura TSX	Certain 2005 model year	JH4CL95815C000018 – JH4CL96835C035836 Oct. 12, 2004 to Sept. 30, 2005
Acura TSX	Certain 2006 model year	JH4CL95926C000037 – JH4CL959X6C040480 Oct. 19, 2005 to Sept. 28, 2006
Acura TSX	Certain 2007 model year	JH4CL95887C000004 – JH4CL95857C022669 Oct. 5, 2006 to June 4, 2007
Acura TSX	Certain 2008 model year	JH4CL96828C000001 – JH4CL96848C021996 June 4, 2007 to Feb. 13, 2008

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

The recall population was based on manufacturing records and 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: 167,255

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Percentage of affected vehicles that contain the defect: Unknown

573.6(c)(5)

Defect description:

Prolonged high under-hood temperatures may cause the power steering hose to deteriorate prematurely and may cause the hose to crack and leak power steering oil. Oil leaking onto a hot exhaust pipe will generate smoke and a burning smell, and could potentially result in an under-hood fire.

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Chronology:

Sept. 9, 2009	AHM received report of under-hood fire in U.S.
Sept. 18, 2009	HMC initiated an investigation.
April 20, 2010	HMC completed the investigation and determined that a safety-related defect exists.

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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 an Acura dealer. The dealer will install a new heat resistant power steering hose, free of charge.

573.6(c)(8)(ii)

The estimated date to e-mail preliminary notification to dealers: April 26, 2010

The estimated date to provide service bulletin to dealers: May 11, 2010

The estimated date to begin sending notifications to owners: May 28, 2010

The estimated date of completion of the notification: July 2010

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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.

573.6(c)(11)

Manufacturer's campaign number:

R35

Sincerely,

AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO., INC.



Jay Joseph
Senior Manager
Product Regulatory Office

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