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Mr. Kenneth Weinstein,  
Associate Administrator  
Office of Safety Assurance  
NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY  
ADMINISTRATION  
400 Seventh St., S.W.  
Washington, DC 20590

04V-290  
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Dear Mr. Weinstein:

On June 11, 2004, Honda Motor Co., Ltd. (HMC) determined that a safety-related problem exists in the main stand of 2002-2004 model year Honda FSC600 scooters. The following information is submitted pursuant to the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

573.6(c)(1)

**Name of manufacturer:** Honda Motor Co., Ltd. (HMC)  
**Manufacturer's Agent:** William R. Willen  
American Honda Motor Co., Inc. (AHM)  
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573.6(c)(2)

**Identification of potentially affected vehicles:**

<u>Make/Model</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>VIN/Dates of Manufacture</u>
Honda FSC600	All 2002 model year	JH2PF011*2K000009 ~ JH2PF011*2K002509 Nov. 16, 2001 to Jan. 7, 2002
	All 2003 model year	JH2PF011*3K100002 ~ JH2PF011*3K102133 Dec. 26, 2002 to Feb. 7, 2003
All 2004 model year		JH2PF014*3K000004 ~ JH2PF014*3K000367 Jan. 20, 2003 to Feb. 3, 2003
		JH2PF011*4K200001 ~ JH2PF011*4K202262 Oct. 7, 2003 to Dec. 27, 2003
		JH2PF014*4K100001 ~ JH2PF014*4K100234 Oct. 7, 2003 to Dec. 27, 2003

**Description of the basis for the determination of the recall population:**  
The FSC600 was a new model introduction for 2002 in the United States. Vehicles manufactured after the affected range have locknuts installed.

573.6(c)(3)  
**Total number of vehicles potentially affected:** 7,494

573.6(c)(4)  
**Percentage of affected vehicles that contain the defect:** Unknown

573.6(c)(5)  
**Defect description:**

**Summary**

The main stand could partially or completely detach from the frame, interfering with or damaging the rear wheel, and increasing the risk of a vehicle crash without warning. A completely detached stand falling on the roadway also creates a hazard for other vehicles.

**Detail**

The main stand is attached to the frame with two brackets, nuts and bolts. The nuts are spot-welded to the brackets. If clearance exists between the nut and bracket, the spot welds may be broken when the bolt is torqued (refer to attached illustration). Over time, a bolt can loosen and fall out. The stand could then partially or completely detach from the frame, interfering with or damaging the rear wheel, and increasing the risk of a vehicle crash without warning. A completely detached stand falling on the roadway also creates a hazard for other vehicles.

573.6(c)(6)  
**Chronology:**

May 17, 2004	HMC received a report about a detached main stand on a FSC800.
May 20, 2004	HMC initiated an investigation.
Jun. 11, 2004	HMC completed the investigation and determined that a safety-related problem exists.

573.6(c)(8)(i)  
**Program for remedying the defect:**

The owners of all affected vehicles will be notified by mail and asked to take their vehicle to an authorized Honda dealer. The dealer will install new brackets, longer bolts and locknuts, free of charge.

573.6(c)(8)(II)

<b>The date of preliminary notice to dealers via e-mail:</b>	Jun. 16, 2004
<b>The estimated date to provide service bulletin to dealers:</b>	Jun. 30, 2004
<b>The estimated date to begin sending notifications to owners:</b>	Jul. 2, 2004
<b>The estimated date of completion of the notification:</b>	Jul. 2, 2004

573.6(c)(9)

**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 will be sent to your office for review as soon as possible.

573.6(c)(11)

**Manufacturer's campaign number:**

P37.

Sincerely,

AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO., INC.



William R. Willen  
Managing Counsel  
Product Regulatory Office

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Enclosure

# 2002-2004 Honda FSC600 Main Stand Recall Illustration

