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Mr. Kenneth N. Weinstein
Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance - NSA-01
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, SW - Room 5321
Washington D.C. 20590

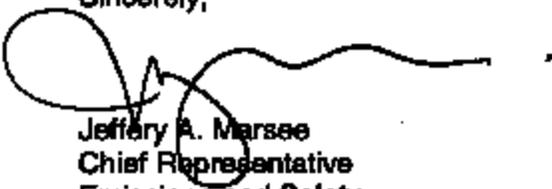
Subject: MY 1994 Isuzu Amigo, Rodeo, Honda Passport and
MY 1994-1995 Isuzu Pick-up Vehicles -
Takata Seat Belts -
Recall No. 02V-281 -
Supplemental Submission

Dear Mr. Weinstein:

On behalf of Isuzu Motors Limited, Isuzu Manufacturing Services of America, Inc. hereby makes this supplemental submission relevant to Recall No. 02V-281 referenced above. Per the requirements of 49 CFR §573.6(c)(9), attached here are representative copies of all notices, bulletins, and other communications that relate to this recall that have been sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer or purchaser which includes the owner letters for both Isuzu and Honda.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at 734-582-9262 or Christine Ueno of my staff at 734-582-9260.

Sincerely,



Jeffery A. Marsee
Chief Representative
Emissions and Safety
Isuzu Manufacturing Services of America, Inc

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Enclosures

ISUZU

September 3, 2004
Bulletin SB02-11-9007

TAKATA SEAT BELT SAFETY RECALL 02V-261 SECOND NOTIFICATION

Dear Isuzu Rodeo Owner:

This notice is being sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. You have been sent this reminder as our records indicate since the initial launch of this campaign back in December 2002 your vehicle has not yet been repaired. It is imperative that you have this safety campaign performed as soon as possible.

What is the condition?

Isuzu Motors Limited has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 1994 Isuzu Rodeos equipped with Takata seat belts. These vehicles may exhibit a condition in which the front passenger seat belt buckle may not latch properly when the tongue plate is inserted. If the tongue plate is not firmly inserted into the buckle, the seat belt may not provide proper occupant restraint in the event of a collision or hard braking of the vehicle. This could lead to an increased chance of injury during a collision.

Special Note: This recall campaign, No. 02V-261, applies to certain 1994 Rodeo vehicles equipped with bench seats. These same vehicles were included in a similar recall campaign, No. 98V-170, initiated back in 1998. At that time, however, the seat belt manufacturer (Takata) mistakenly advised Isuzu that it was the driver seat belt buckles that needed to be inspected. The current recall campaign, No. 02V-261, correctly specifies that the front passenger seat belt buckle is to be inspected, and, if necessary, replaced. Therefore, please follow the instructions below even if your vehicle was previously inspected and/or repaired as part of recall campaign no. 98V-170.

What we will do:

Your Isuzu dealer will inspect the front passenger seat belt buckle, and, depending on the inspection results, will install a new one. This service will be performed for you at no charge.

What you should do:

To limit any possible inconvenience, and in order to ensure that the necessary part is obtained, we recommend that you contact your Isuzu dealer as soon as possible to schedule an appointment to bring your vehicle in to have this work performed. Present this Owner Notification Letter at the time of your appointment or refer to Campaign Service Bulletin SB02-11-9007. Isuzu estimates that this repair will take approximately one hour to perform. However, additional time may be necessary depending on how appointments are scheduled and processed at your dealership. To locate the nearest Isuzu dealer you can visit our website at www.isuzu.com and click on the dealer locator icon and enter your zip code or state. Should you not have access to a computer terminal please contact our National Owner Relations Department at 1-800-255-8727.

Until you are able to have your front passenger seat belt buckle inspected, be sure that any front seat passengers in your vehicle always firmly insert the seat belt tongue straight into the buckle and that they check to see that the seat belt is properly latched by firmly pulling the tongue and of the belt away from the buckle.

Who to contact if you experience problems:

Your Isuzu dealer is best equipped to obtain parts and provide service to ensure that your vehicle receives this repair as promptly as possible. If you believe that the condition has not been or cannot be addressed within a reasonable time, you may contact:

National Owner Relations Department
Isuzu Motors America, Inc.
18323 Shoemaker Avenue
Cerritos, CA 90702-8023

After contacting your Isuzu dealer or the Isuzu National Office, with any problems, if you are still not satisfied that we have done our best to remedy this condition without charge and within a reasonable time, you may wish to write the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590; or call 1-888-DASH-2-DOT (1-888-327-4238).

We are sorry for this inconvenience; however, in the interest of your safety, it is very important that your vehicle be brought in to your Isuzu dealer as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Isuzu Motors America, Inc.

IMPORTANT: If you have sold or traded your Isuzu vehicle, please enter the owner's name and address, if known, on the attached "Change of Information" postcard, tear off at both perforations, and drop it in the mail. Postage has already been paid. We will contact the new owner.

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Artesia, CA 90718-6007

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Torrance, CA 90501-2748
Phone (310) 763-2000

September 2004

Safety Recall: Passport Front Passenger's Seat Belt Buckle Second Notification

Dear Passport Owner:

This notice is being sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. We are sending you this reminder because our records show that you have not had your vehicle repaired. It is very important to have this safety recall completed as soon as possible.

What is the reason for this notice?

Isuzu Motors Ltd., the vehicle manufacturer, has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 1994 Passport DX vehicles with front bench seats. The locking mechanism in the front passenger's seat belt buckle may contain an incorrectly manufactured part. This could prevent the buckle from latching properly. If the buckle fails to latch properly, the seat belt may not restrain a front seat passenger during a sudden stop or a crash, which could lead to an increased risk of injury or death.

In 1996, your vehicle was subject to a similar recall involving the driver's seat belt buckle. This was a mistake of the seat belt manufacturer, Takata. *The seat belt buckle needing inspection and possible replacement is the front passenger's. So even if your vehicle was previously inspected/repared, please allow us to properly repair it by following the instructions below.*

What should you do?

Call any authorized Honda dealer, and make an appointment to have your vehicle inspected/repared. The dealer will inspect the front passenger's seat belt buckle to see if it is within the affected manufacturing lot number range. If it is, the buckle will be replaced. *The inspection/repair will be done free of charge.* Please plan to leave your vehicle at the dealership for half a day to allow the dealer flexibility in scheduling.

Although parts are now available at American Honda, it is extremely important that you call for an appointment before going to the dealer. The dealer can then verify they have the necessary parts, saving you a second trip if your vehicle needs the seat belt buckle replaced.

Until you are able to have the front passenger's seat belt buckle replaced, be sure that any front seat passenger in your vehicle always firmly inserts the seat belt tongue straight into the buckle, and then checks to make sure the seat belt is properly latched by firmly pulling the tongue end away from the buckle.

Who to contact if you experience problems.

If you are not satisfied with the service you receive from your Honda dealer, you may write to

American Honda Motor Co., Inc.
Automobile Customer Service
Mail Stop 500-2N-7A
1919 Torrance Blvd.
Torrance, CA 90501-2748

If you believe that American Honda or the dealer has failed or is unable to remedy the defect in your vehicle, without charge, within a reasonable period of time (60 days from the date you first contact the dealer for a repair appointment), you may submit a complaint to

Administrator
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, SW
Washington, DC 20590

Or call the toll-free Auto Safety Hotline at (888) 327-4238.

What to do if you feel this notice is in error.

Our records show that you are the current owner or lessee of a 1994 Passport involved in this recall. If this is not the case, or the name/address information is incorrect, please fill out and return the included, postage-paid *Information Change Card*. We will then update our records.

Lessor information.

Federal law requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within 10 days.

If you have questions.

If you have questions about this notice, or need assistance with contacting a Honda dealer, please call Automobile Customer Service at (800) 999-1009.

We apologize for any inconvenience this campaign may cause you.

Sincerely,

**American Honda Motor Co., Inc.
Honda Automobile Division**