

February 26, 2008

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 August 23, 2007, Honda Motor Co., Ltd. (HMC) determined that a potential defect relating to motor vehicle safety existed in the brake light switch of certain 2006 model year Honda Civic automobiles manufactured at HMC, and furnished notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reports. A recall (07V-402) was implemented within a month.

On February 19, 2008, HMC determined that the recall 07V-402 should be expanded. The VIN range will be expanded to include 2006-07 model year HMC produced Civic vehicles and 2006-07 model year Honda of America Manufacturing, Inc. (HAM) produced Civic vehicles and is furnishing notification to NHTSA in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reports. The replacement part for the expanded VIN range is the same part as the initial recall.

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**Name of manufacturer:** Honda of America Manufacturing, Inc. (HAM)

**Manufacturer's agent:** William R. Willen  
American Honda Motor Co., Inc. (AHM)  
1919 Torrance Blvd.  
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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 Sedan	Certain 2006 model year	1HGFA16876L134927 ~ 1HGFA16566L154107 August 1, 2006 – September 15, 2006  JHMFA15876S005042 - JHMFA16856S014045 January 24, 2006 – August 10, 2006
Honda Civic GX (CNG)	Certain 2006 model year	1HGFA46546L000237 ~ 1HGFA46516L000356 August 1, 2006 – September 1, 2006

<u>Make/Model</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>VIN Range/Dates of Manufacture</u>
Honda Civic Sedan	Certain 2007 model year	1HGFA168X7L000009 ~ 1HGFA16547L091090 September 2, 2006 – March 22, 2007  JHMFA16547S000001 - JHMFA16547S007448 July 25, 2006 – January 8, 2007
Honda Civic GX (CNG)	Certain 2007 model year	1HGFA46587L000002 ~ 1HGFA46587L000601 September 26, 2006 – March 21, 2007

**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:** approx. 130,000

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**Percentage of affected vehicles that contain the defect:** Unknown

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**Defect description:**

The supplier of the steering system lacked proper instructions for application of lubricant grease to the telescoping mechanism of the steering column, resulting in application of excessive amounts of silicon grease. As a result, oil can separate from the grease, which can form droplets that may fall onto the brake light switch. This can cause the brake light switch to fail, it may not be possible to shift the transmission from the Park position and/or the stop lamp may fail to illuminate, leading to a failure to alert a following vehicle of the driver's intent to stop, potentially resulting in a crash.

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**Chronology:**

Aug. 23, 2007	HMC completed the investigation and determined that a safety-related defect exists for HMC produced vehicles and initiated recall (07V-402).
Sep. 4, 2007	HMC received 1 <sup>st</sup> complaint from overseas market (Nigeria) that the shift lever could not be shifted out of the Park position and initiated an investigation. VIN was out-of-range from VIN listed on Aug. 23, 2007 recall notice.
Nov. 19, 2007	HMC received 2 <sup>nd</sup> complaint from overseas market (Estonia) that the shift lever could not be shifted out of the Park position and initiated additional investigation. VIN was out-of-range from VIN listed on Aug. 23, 2007 recall notice.

Dec. 7, 2007	HAM reported to HMC that warranty claims increasing in the U.S. market and initiated investigation
Feb. 19, 2008	HMC determined that a safety-related defect exists and will expand recall VIN range to include HMC and HAM produced vehicles for 2006-07 model year

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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 brake light switch and connector housing, and install a cover to prevent oil from damaging the switch, free of charge.

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<b>The estimated date to e-mail preliminary notification to dealers:</b>	TBD
<b>The estimated date to provide service bulletin to dealers:</b>	TBD
<b>The estimated date to begin sending notifications to owners:</b>	TBD
<b>The estimated date of completion of the notification:</b>	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:**  
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Sincerely,

AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO., INC.

 or behalf of

William R. Willen  
Managing Counsel  
Product Regulatory Office

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