

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

08V-091
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Dear Mr. Smith:

On February 19, 2008, Honda Motor Co., Ltd. (HMC) determined that a potential defect relating to motor vehicle safety exists in the power steering hose of certain 2004 through early 2008 model year Acura TL 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: William R. Willen
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 TL	Certain 2004 model year	19UUA65514A000015~19UUA65554A076076 March 11, 2003 – September 20, 2004
	Certain 2005 model year	19UUA66265A000033~19UUA66235A082562 September 10, 2004 – September 16, 2005
	Certain 2006 model year	19UUA66256A000011~19UUA66266A078149 September 14, 2005 – September 30, 2006
	Certain 2007 model year	19UUA66287A000070~19UUA662X7A049545 July 17, 2006 – July 10, 2007
	Certain 2008 model year	19UUA66298A000001~19UUA66298A005506 July 10, 2007 – July 31, 2007

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

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

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Total number of potentially affected vehicles: approx 273,000

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Percentage of affected vehicles that contain the defect: unknown

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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 catalytic converter, will generate smoke and a burning smell, and could potentially result in an under-hood fire.

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Chronology:

Nov. 20, 2007	HMC completed the investigation and determined that a safety-related defect existed for Acura RL and initiated a recall (07V-551) within one month. HMC continued the investigation for other models.
Feb. 19, 2008	HMC completed the investigation and determined that a safety-related defect exists for Acura TL.

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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.

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The estimated date to e-mail preliminary notification to dealers: Feb. 26, 2008

The estimated date to provide service bulletin to dealers: TBD

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 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.

 on behalf of

William R. Willen
Managing Counsel
Product Regulatory Office

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