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DEFECTS INVESTIGATION
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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-092
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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 windshield wiper motor of certain 2004 and 2005 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 of America Manufacturing, Inc. (HAM)
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	19UUA66265A000033~19UUA66295A058279 September 10, 2004 – May 18, 2005

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 129,600

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Percentage of affected vehicles that contain the defect: unknown

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Defect description:

If water enters the windshield wiper motor breather port, which is designed to allow the motor to vent warm air during normal operation, it can result in corrosion inside the motor housing which can cause a failure of the electrical circuit breaker inside the motor housing. If the circuit breaker fails, it will cause the windshield wiper motor to become inoperative, which can increase the likelihood of a crash in certain conditions.

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Chronology:

December 4, 2007	AHM received an inquiry letter from NHTSA (PE07-060) and HAM initiated an investigation
January 31, 2008	AHM partially responds to NHTSA PE07-060
February 19, 2008	HAM completed investigation and HMC determined that a safety defect exists, initiates recall activity

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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 inspect the windshield wiper motor for signs of corrosion. If no signs of corrosion are present, a snorkel tube will be added to the wiper motor breather port to prevent water from entering the wiper motor housing and foam tape will be installed on the cowl above the wiper motor to direct water away from the wiper motor.

If signs of corrosion damage are observed on the wiper motor the motor will be replaced, and the breather tube and foam tape will also be installed to prevent water intrusion on the new wiper motor.

The inspection and any necessary countermeasures will be completed 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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