



**AUTOMOBILE DIVISION**  
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## **IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL NOTICE**

Dear Honda Element Owner:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

### **What is the reason for this notice?**

Honda has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2007-2011 model year Element vehicles. If you have purchased the Honda Accessory Trailer Hitch Harness Kit, there is a potential failure with the wiring of the harness kit that may prevent a trailer's turn signal from illuminating unless the brakes are applied. The failure of the turn signal to illuminate could potentially result in a crash.

### **What should you do?**

Call any authorized Honda dealer and make an appointment to have your vehicle repaired (*or inspected and, if necessary, repaired*) **at no cost to you**. The dealer will inspect your vehicle and repair the trailer hitch harness wiring. The complete process (inspection and, if affected, repair) may take approximately 18 minutes; however, your vehicle will need to be at the dealer for a longer period of time. We recommend that you plan to leave your vehicle for half a day to allow the dealer flexibility in scheduling.

### **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.  
Honda Automobile Customer Service  
Mail Stop 500-2N-7A  
1919 Torrance Blvd.  
Torrance, CA 90501-2746

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  
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Or call the toll-free Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

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

Registration records indicate that you are the current owner or lessee of a 2007-2011 Honda Element involved in this campaign. If this is not the case, or the name/address information is not correct, please complete and sign the Information Change Card and return it in the enclosed postage-paid envelope. 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 any questions about this notice, or need assistance with locating a Honda dealer, please call Honda Automobile Customer Service at 1-800-999-1009, and select option 4. U.S. customers can also locate a dealer online at [HondaCars.com](http://HondaCars.com). Customers in U.S. territories, please contact your local dealer/distributor.

We apologize for any inconvenience this campaign may cause you.

Sincerely,

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

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