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June 19, 2014

Ms. Nancy Lewis
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY
ADMINISTRATION
Attn: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Recall Notification
2002-2003MY Honda Civic, CR-V, Odyssey
2003MY Honda Accord, Element, Pilot and Acura MDX
Passenger Airbag Inflator Recall Expansion

Dear Ms. Lewis:

On June 19, 2014 Honda Motor Co., Ltd. (HMC) determined that a potential defect relating to motor vehicle safety exists in the passenger airbag of 2002-2003 model year Honda Civic, CR-V and Odyssey automobiles, 2003 model year Honda Accord, Element, Pilot and 2003 Acura MDX vehicles and is providing 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)
Honda of America Mfg., Inc. (HAM)
Honda of Canada Mfg. (HCM)
Honda of the U.K. Mfg. (HUM)
Honda Mfg. of Alabama (HMA)
Honda de Mexico, S.A. de C.V. (HDM)

Manufacturer's agent: Jay Joseph
American Honda Motor Co., Inc. (AHM)
1919 Torrance Blvd.
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Identification of potentially affected vehicles:

See ATTACHMENT-1 for VIN information.

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

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

573.6(c)(2)(iv)

Identification of affected component:

Component: Front Passenger Airbag Inflator
Country of Origin: USA
Manufacturer: T.K. Holdings, Inc.
Contact Name: Kazuo Higuchi
Address: 888 16th Street NW, Suite 800
Washington, DC 20006
Telephone No.: (202) 729-6332

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Total number of potentially affected vehicles: TBD

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Percentage of affected vehicles that contain the defect: Unknown

573.6(c)(5)

Defect description:

In certain vehicles, the passenger's (frontal) airbag inflator could produce excessive internal pressure. If an affected airbag deploys, the increased internal pressure may cause the inflator to rupture. In the event of an inflator rupture, metal fragments could be propelled upward toward the windshield, or downward toward the front passenger's foot well, potentially causing injury to a vehicle occupant.

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Chronology:

- May 14, 2013 Honda was notified of a single-stage passenger airbag inflator rupture outside of the U.S. The type of inflator involved has not been installed in Honda or Acura vehicles in the U.S.
- June 4, 2014 Supplier notified Honda of three occurrences of inflator rupture involving vehicles manufactured by other OEMs.
- June 11, 2014 Supplier notified Honda that there was a possibility that production records of the auto-reject function used in determining the previous recall range may have been incorrect or incomplete. Supplier also informed Honda that the methodology used to identify the range of affected airbag inflators was inadequate.

On June 19, 2014 Honda Motor Company (HMC) determined that a safety defect, identified originally on April 4, 2013 and subsequently identified as safety recall 13V132, required an expansion to address the concerns and to include all potentially affected vehicles.

As of June 11, 2014 Honda has not received any warranty claims, field reports or injuries related to this issue.

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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 or Acura automobile dealer. The dealer will replace the passenger airbag inflator, free of charge.

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The estimated date to e-mail preliminary notification to dealers: June 23, 2014

The estimated date to provide service bulletin to dealers: June 24, 2014

The estimated date to begin sending notifications to owners: July 21, 2014

The estimated date of completion of the notification: August 22, 2014

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Representative copies of all notices, bulletins and other communications:

A copy of the dealer service bulletin, the final customer notification letter and other dealer communication will be submitted to your office as soon as possible.

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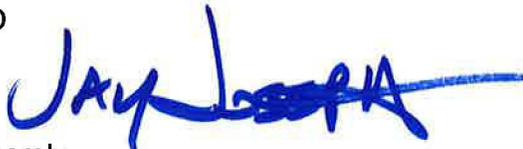
Proposed owner notification letter submission:

June 19, 2014, submitted in conjunction with this letter.

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Manufacturer's campaign number:

TBD



Sincerely,

AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO., INC.

Jay Joseph
Assistant Vice President
Product Regulatory Office

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ATTACHMENT-1

Make/Model	Description	VIN Range/Dates of Manufacture
Honda Civic	Certain 2002 model year	VIN range TBD Production range TBD
	Certain 2003 model year	VIN TBD Production Date TBD
Honda CR-V	Certain 2002 model year	VIN TBD Production Date TBD
	Certain 2003 model year	VIN TBD Production Date TBD
Honda Odyssey	Certain 2002 model year	VIN TBD Production Date TBD
	Certain 2003 model year	VIN TBD Production Date TBD
Honda Accord	Certain 2003 model year	VIN TBD Production Date TBD
Honda Element	Certain 2003 model year	VIN TBD Production Date TBD
Honda Pilot	Certain 2003 model year	VIN TBD Production Date TBD
Acura MDX	Certain 2003 model year	VIN TBD Production Date TBD