

July 1, 2010

Mr. Daniel C. Smith
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY
ADMINISTRATION
Attn: Early Warning Division (NVW-217)
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Foreign Recall Report

Dear Associate Administrator Smith:

On June 28, 2010, Honda Motor Co., Ltd. (HMC) decided to conduct a safety recall of certain vehicles in Asia, Africa, Europe, Middle East, Australia, Mexico and South America. The following information is submitted pursuant to the requirements of 49 CFR 579.12.

573.6(c)(1)

Name of Manufacturer: Honda Motor Co., Ltd. (HMC)
Honda Manufacturing of Alabama (HMA)
Honda Canada Manufacturing, Inc. (HCM)
Honda Turkiye A.S. (HTR)
Honda Automoveis do Brasil Ltda. (HAB)

Manufacturer's Agent: Jay Joseph
American Honda Motor Co., Inc. (AHM)
1919 Torrance Blvd.
Torrance, CA 90501-2746

573.6(c)(2)

Identification of Potentially Affected Vehicles:

<u>Make/Model</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Dates of Manufacture</u>
Honda Civic	Certain 2001-2003 model year vehicles	August 7, 2000 – July 22, 2002
Honda Fit	Certain 2002 model year vehicles	August 24, 2001 – September 1, 2001
Honda Stream	Certain 2001-2003 model year vehicles	August 7, 2000 – July 22, 2002

Description of the Basis for the Determination of the Recall Population:

The recall population was based on manufacturing records.

573.6(c)(3)

Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Affected: 52,469

573.6(c)(5)

Defect Description:

In certain vehicles, the single-stage passenger airbag inflator could produce excessive internal pressure. If an affected airbag deploys, the increased internal pressure may cause the inflator housing to rupture. Metal fragments could pass through the airbag cushion material possibly causing injury or death to vehicle occupants.

579.12(a)

Campaign Being Conducted in: See Attached list

Safety Recall or Other Safety Campaign: Safety Recall

Determination Made by: Honda Motor Co., Ltd.

Date of Determination: June 28, 2010

Date Recall will Commence: July 1, 2010

Manufacturer's Program for Remediating the Noncompliance:

Dealers will replace the passenger airbag inflator free of charge.

U.S. Motor Vehicles Identical or Similar to Vehicles Covered by this Foreign Recall:

Foreign Recalled Vehicle	Identical or Similar U.S. Vehicle
2001-2003 Honda Civic	2001-2003 Honda Civic
2002 Honda Fit	No identical or similar U.S. vehicle
2001-2003 Honda Stream	No identical or similar U.S. vehicle

Reason U.S. Vehicles Not Affected

The affected vehicles in foreign markets were equipped with single-stage inflators for the passenger's airbag module. U.S. model Civic vehicles for the 2001-2003 model years were equipped with a completely different dual-stage inflator passenger airbag module and we have received no similar reports for dual stage passenger airbag modules. The Fit was not sold in the U.S. until the 2007 model year, and was also equipped with a dual-stage inflator at that time, as opposed to the single-stage inflator design subject to this recall in certain foreign markets. Neither the Stream or any identical or substantially similar vehicle has ever been sold in the U.S.

Sincerely,

AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO., INC.



Jay Joseph
Senior Manager
Product Regulatory Office

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Attachment 1

Campaign is being conducted in the following countries

Japan	Benin	Ghana
Mauritius	Morocco	Nigeria
Zimbabwe	South Africa	Brunei
Singapore	Nepal	Sri Lanka
China	Hong Kong	Belgium
Ceuta (Spain)	Czech	Denmark
Estonia	Finland	Germany
Gibraltar	Greece	Hungary
Ireland	Iceland	Israel
Latvia	Cyprus (Stream only)	N. Cyprus
Netherlands	Norway (Stream only)	Poland
Portugal	Slovenia (Stream only)	Spain
Sweden (Stream only)	Switzerland (Stream only)	Turkey
United Kingdom	Croatia	Russia
Ukraine	Bahrain	Kuwait
Oman	Qatar	Saudi Arabia
United Arab Emirates	Lebanon	Antigua
Aruba	Bahamas	Barbados
Costa Rica	Dominican Republic	El Salvador
Grand Cayman	Guatemala	Honduras
Jamaica	Mexico	Nicaragua
Panama	Trinidad, Tobago	Argentina
Brazil	Chile	Columbia
Ecuador	Paraguay	Peru
Suriname	Venezuela	Australia
New Zealand	Fiji	Tahiti