

July 29, 2009

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

Dear Mr. Smith:

On November 4, 2008, Honda Motor Co., Ltd. (HMC) determined that a potential defect relating to motor vehicle safety exists in the driver airbag of certain 2001 model year Honda Accord and Civic automobiles, and is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reports.

On June 23, 2009, HMC determined that the VIN range for recall 08V-593 should be expanded for 2001 model year Accord and Civic automobiles and we furnished notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration on June 30, 2009 in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reports.

Today, we are providing you with the expanded VIN range for recall 08V-593 and are also including partial VIN ranges for 2002 model year Accord and Acura 3.2TL vehicles.

573.6(c)(1)

**Name of manufacturer:** Honda Motor Co., Ltd. (HMC)  
Honda of American Manufacturing, Inc. (HAM)  
Honda Canada Manufacturing, Inc. (HCM)  
Honda de Mexico (HDM)

**Manufacturer's agent:** William R. Willen  
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>VIN Range/Dates of Manufacture</u>
See Attached list		

**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:** Approximately 440,000

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**Percentage of affected vehicles that contain the defect:** Unknown

573.6(c)(5)

**Defect description:**

In certain vehicles, the driver's airbag inflator could produce excessive internal pressure. If an affected airbag deploys, the increased internal pressure may cause the inflator to rupture. Metal fragments could pass through the airbag cushion material possibly causing injury to vehicle occupants

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**Chronology:**

Nov. 11, 2008	AHM submitted 573 report to NHTSA (08V-593). HAM continued the investigation for returned inflators of the recall.
May 28, 2009	AHM notified of unusual driver airbag deployment.
June 9, 2009	AHM notified of second unusual driver airbag deployment.
June 23, 2009	HAM completed the investigation and HMC determined that recall 08V-593 should be expanded.

573.6(c)(8)(i)

**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 automobile dealer. The dealer will replace the airbag inflator free of charge.

573.6(c)(8)(ii)

**The date to e-mail preliminary notification to dealers:** July 21, 2009 (Honda)  
July 23, 2009 (Acura)

**The date to provide service bulletin to dealers:** July 22, 2009 (Honda)  
July 24, 2009 (Acura)

**The estimated date to begin sending notifications to owners:** Aug. 6, 2009 (Honda)  
Aug. 3, 2009 (Acura)

**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 and text of the final customer notification letter is included.

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**Proposed owner notification letter submission:**

A draft of the owner notification letter was submitted and approved by your office.

573.6(c)(11)

**Manufacturer's campaign number:**

Q96 Honda Accord & Civic  
R13 Acura 3.2 TL

Sincerely,

AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO., INC.



William R. Willen  
Managing Counsel  
Product Regulatory Office

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**Identification of potentially affected vehicles**

Make/Model	Description	VIN Range/Dates of Manufacture
Honda Civic 2-door	Certain 2001 model year	1HGEM22971L000001 ~ 1HGEM229X1L124960 9/19/2000 ~ 9/10/2001
Honda Civic 4-door	Certain 2001 model year	1HGES15511L000052 ~ 1HGES16551L078249 7/18/2000 ~ 8/27/2001
		2HGES165X1H500108 ~ 2HGES16571H576787 8/29/2000 ~ 4/16/2001
		JHMES152X1S000012 ~ JHMES16551S001089 6/28/2000 ~ 9/4/2000
		1HGES26701L000002 ~ 1HGES267X1L078061 7/25/2000 ~ 8/27/2001
		2HGES267X1H500049 ~ 2HGES25741H576724 8/28/2000 ~ 4/16/2001
		JHMES267X1S000009 ~ JHMES26721S005303 7/12/2000 ~ 5/18/2001
		1HGEN26481L000004 ~ 1HGEN26401L000742 7/27/2000 ~ 6/26/2001
Honda Accord 2-door	Certain 2001 model year	1HGCG22561A000014 ~ 1HGCG22471A035443 7/18/2000 ~ 8/3/2001
		1HGCG32571A000013 ~ 1HGCG325X1A032650 7/18/2000 ~ 7/30/2001
Honda Accord 4-door	Certain 2001 model year	1HGCF85461A000202 ~ 1HGCF86601A146921 8/21/2000 ~ 7/20/2001
		JHMC85471C000002 ~ JHMC86421C000813 7/7/2000 ~ 6/26/2001
		1HGCG16411A000014 ~ 1HGCG16511A087275 7/20/2000 ~ 7/31/2001
		1HGCG56661A000017 ~ 1HGCG56621A148794 7/20/2000 ~ 7/27/2001
		3HGCG56471G700001 ~ 3HGCG56461G700720 7/02/2001 ~ 8/9/2002
		JHMC85421C000015 ~ JHMC85631C033252 1/13/2001 ~ 7/3/01
		1HGCG66521A000142 ~ 1HGCG665X1A148250 8/21/2000 ~ 7/26/2001

Honda Accord 4-door (con't)	Certain 2001 model year (con't)	3HGCG66571G700367 ~ 3HGCG66501G703840 10/9/2000 ~ 3/9/01
		JHMCG65561C000003 ~ JHMCG66001C027751 7/4/2000 ~ 7/3/01
Honda Accord 2-door	Certain 2002 model year	1HGCG22542A001082 ~ 1HGCG22562A010432 8/23/2001 ~ 11/14/2001
		1HGCG32022A001110 ~ 1HGCG32502A008343 8/22/2001 ~ 11/16/2001
Honda Accord 4-door	Certain 2002 model year	1HGCF86662A001089 ~ 1HGCF86662A054018 8/1/01 ~ 12/4/01
		JHMCF85402C000005 ~ JHMCF86462X000086 7/26/01 ~ 8/1/01
		1HGCG16522A000985 ~ 1HGCG16542A037889 8/2/01 ~ 12/4/01
		1HGCG56722A000607 ~ 1HGCG56442A056165 7/31/2001 ~ 12/7/2001
		3HGCG56452G700001 ~ 3HGCG564X2G703704 8/17/2001 ~ 2/26/2002
		JHMCG56782C000001 ~ JHMCG56772C033281 6/11/2001 ~ 4/16/2002
		3HGCG66572G700001 ~ 3HGCG66532G703705 8/13/01 ~ 2/08/2002
Acura 3.2TL	Certain 2002 model year	19UUA56932A000011 ~ 19UUA56992A046846 10/24/2000 ~ 11/2/2001