



U.S. Department of Transportation
**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

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Mr. Jay Joseph
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NVS-215SM
15V-045

Subject: Inadvertent Air Bag Deployment

Dear Mr. Joseph:

This letter serves to acknowledge Honda (American Honda Motor Co.)'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

ACURA/MDX/2003
HONDA/ODYSSEY/2003-2004

Mfr's Report Date: January 28, 2015

NHTSA Campaign Number: 15V-045

Components:

AIR BAGS:FRONTAL

Potential Number of Units Affected: 374,177

Problem Description:

Honda is recalling certain model year 2003-2004 Honda Odyssey vehicles manufactured February 13, 2002, to August 13, 2004, and 2003 Acura MDX vehicles manufactured February 21, 2002, to September 23, 2003. Due to electrical noise, a component in the air bag control module may fail, causing the front air bags, side curtain air bags, and/or seatbelt pretensioners to deploy inadvertently while the vehicle is being operated.

Consequence:

Inadvertent deployment of the air bags may increase the risk of injury and the possibility of a vehicle crash.

Remedy:

Honda dealers will replace the supplemental restraint system electronic control unit (SRS ECU). These parts are not currently available, however, an interim repair is available free of charge that reduces the risk of an inadvertent deployment. This recall remedy was applied during an earlier recall campaign of these vehicles under safety recall 13V-412. All owners that have not had the recall repair performed under safety recall 13V-412 are strongly encouraged to have it performed and not wait for the final remedy to be deployed to the field. The replacement ECU parts needed for the final remedy are not expected to be available until the latter part of 2015. Owners will be mailed an interim notification by late March 2015. Owners may contact Honda customer service at 1-800-999-1009. Honda's number for this recall is JN6 (Odyssey), and JN7 (MDX). Note: This recall supersedes recall 13V-412. Vehicles that had a noise filter installed as the remedy for that campaign need to have the SRS ECU replaced under this campaign.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

This recall was the subject of a recall query, RQ14-001, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

We have received Honda's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Sarah Mcshane who may be reached by phone at 202-366-7401, or by email at sarah.mcshane@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Timian
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Enforcement