January 30, 2008

Mr. Daniel Smith
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
Office of Safety Assurance
NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Mr. Smith:


573.6(c)(1)

Name of Equipment Manufacturer: Thule, Inc.
42 Silvermine Road
Seymour, CT 06483
(203) 881-4875

Reporting Vehicle Manufacturer’s agent: William R. Willen
American Honda Motor Co., Inc.
1919 Torrance Blvd.
Torrance, CA 90501-2746

573.6(c)(2)

Identification of affected vehicle equipment:

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Description of the basis for the determination of the recall population:
The bicycle racks included in this population had the potential for a pinch hazard as identified by the equipment manufacturer.
573.6(c)(3)
Total number of bicycle racks sold to dealers: 2,032

573.6(c)(4)
Percentage of affected trailer hitch kits that contain the defect: 100%

573.6(c)(5)
Defect description:
A pinch point exists between the bike arm bracket and the upright assembly of the “hitch” style bicycle rack. When moving the bike arm bracket to its down position, this pinch point has the potential of causing a severe laceration or amputation to the user’s fingertips or hand.

573.6(c)(6)
Chronology:
June 29, 2007   Thule, Inc. submitted 573 report to NHTSA
August 2007    AHM inventory returned to Thule; New part number issued for bicycle racks with retro fit kit; AHM issued dealer message instructing dealers to contact customers and direct them to Thule.

573.6(c)(8)(i)
Program for remedying the defect:
A Receiver Hitch Retro Fit Kit is available from Thule for Honda dealers or retail customers to order.

573.6(c)(8)(ii)
The date notification was sent to dealers:  Aug. 14, 2007

573.6(c)(9)
Representative copies of all notices, bulletins and other communications:
A copy of the dealer messages are attached (Attachment 1)
573.6(c)(11)

Manufacturer's campaign number:

Campaign number not issued

Sincerely,

AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO., INC.

William R. Willen
Managing Counsel
Product Regulatory Office

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Attachment
Attachment 1
Sent Message

Division: Honda, Acura, MC, PE

Delivery: Message ONLY, Message and e-mail*, e-mail* ONLY

Viewable*: 08 14 2007 to 08 24 2007

From*: Parts Division

To: [Dealers]* ALL DEALERS


Cc (AHM): ALL PARTS AND SERVICE DISTRICT OFFICES, ALL PARTS AND SERVICE NATIONAL OFFICES, ALL PARTS AND SERVICE ZONE OFFICES, ALL PARTS CENTER OFFICES, ALL PARTS DISTRICT OFFICES, ALL PARTS NATIONAL OFFICES, ALL PARTS ZONE OFFICES

Subject*: AIN37804: 2003-08 Pilot & 2006-08 Ridgeline Accessory Hitch Mounted Bike Attach

Message*

ID: AIN37804

To: All Honda Parts and Service Managers

From: AHM Parts Technical Dept.


This supersedes a previous message, AIN37574, dated 7/3/07.

Background

Due to concerns that a pivoting portion of the accessory bike attachment has the potential to pinch the user’s finger, a replacement rubber protector has been developed to help protect a user from pinching a finger.

Action

If you have the following bike attachments in your inventory, you can order the rubber protector free of charge from Thule via their toll-free number, (800) 848-5391.

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Customer Notification

Information will be provided to customers via Owner Link.

American Honda Motor Co., Inc.
Parts Division
Parts Technical Dept.

To: All Acura Parts Managers
From: AHM Parts Technical Dept.
Re: 2003-2007 MDX Accessory Hitch Mounted Bike Attachment

This supersedes a previous message, BIN37575, dated 7/3/07.

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Client Notification
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