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NHTSA ID: 04V-389

Mr. Kenneth Weinstein,
Associate Administrator
Office of Safety Assurance
NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY
ADMINISTRATION
400 Seventh St., S.W.
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Mr. Weinstein:

On August 8, 2004, Honda Motor Co., Ltd. (HMC) determined the existence of a noncompliance with Part 567, "Certification," in the motor vehicles listed below. The following information is submitted pursuant to the requirements of 49 CFR 573.8.

573.8(c)(1)

Name of manufacturer: Honda Manufacturing of Alabama, LLC (HMA)

Manufacturer's Agent: William R. Willen
American Honda Motor Co., Inc. (AHM)
1919 Torrance Blvd.
Torrance, CA 90501-2748

573.8(c)(2)

Identification of potentially affected vehicles:

<u>Make/Model</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>VIN/Dates of Manufacture</u>
Honda Pilot	Certain 2004 model year	5FNYP187*4B000041 – 5FNYP188*4B000243 Apr. 15, 2004 – Jul. 29, 2004

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

The recall population is based on manufacturing records. The VIN ranges and manufacturing dates are inclusive of all vehicles that could have potentially received an incorrect certification label.

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Total number of vehicles potentially affected: 1,528

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Percentage of affected vehicles that contain the defect: 47%

573.6(c)(5)

Noncompliance description:

Summary

Some certification labels may contain incorrect information and, therefore, fail to comply with the requirements of 49 CFR Part 567, "Certification."

Detail

During production, some certification labels were printed on a back-up printer. A printing verification had been performed on the primary printer but not the back-up printer. As a result, the GVWR, GAWR and tire size specifications may be incorrect on some labels, which fails to comply with the requirements of 49 CFR Part 567, "Certification."

573.6(c)(7)

Determination of noncompliance:

On July 29, 2004, a HMA associate discovered the incorrect label specifications. An investigation revealed one of the certification label printers had printed incorrect text.

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Program for remedying the defect:

The owners of all affected vehicles will receive a notification by mail and be asked to inspect the certification label. If the label is incorrect, the owner will be asked to take their vehicle to an authorized Honda dealer. The dealer will install a correction label, free of charge.

573.6(c)(8)(II)

Estimated date to e-mail preliminary notification to dealers:	Aug. 10, 2004
Estimated date to provide service bulletin to dealers:	Aug. 12, 2004
Estimated date to begin mailing notifications to owners:	Aug. 19, 2004
Estimated date of completion of the notification of owners:	Aug. 25, 2004

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Representative copies of all notices, bulletins and other communications:

A copy of the dealer service bulletin will be submitted to your office as soon as possible.

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Proposed owner notification letter submission:

A draft of the owner notification letter will be submitted to your office as soon as possible.

573.8(c)(11)

Manufacturer's campaign number:

P42.

Sincerely,

AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO., INC.



William R. Willen
Managing Counsel
Product Regulatory Office

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Enclosure

Certification Label Drawing

Label Overlay with
Correct Information

GVWR 2700KG(5950LBS) TIRE SIZE RIM SIZE
GAWR F 1300KG(2865LBS) P235/70R16 104S 16X6.5JJ
GAWR R 1430KG(3155LBS) P235/70R16 104S 16X6.5JJ

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GVWR 760KG(1680LBS) TIRE SIZE RIM SIZE
GAWR F 320KG(705LBS) P235/70R16 16X6.5JJ
GAWR R 420KG(925LBS) P235/70R16 16X6.5JJ

Incorrect Information

THIS VEHICLE CONFORMS TO ALL APPLICABLE
FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY
AND THEFT PREVENTION STANDARDS IN EFFECT
ON THE DATE OF MANUFACTURE SHOWN ABOVE.
V.I.N.:5FNYP18084B006403 TYPE: MPV



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