



## Honda Recall Involves 2.5 Million Vehicles Worldwide

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American consumers own approximately 1.5 million of these recalled vehicles. While most of the remaining ones are located in China and Canada, others are being recalled from Puerto Rico, Europe, the Middle East, Mexico and [South America](#). All of Honda's four-cylinder Accord sedans manufactured for model years 2005 through 2010 are included. In both Canada and the United States, the recall also extends to the CR-V Crossover (model years 2007 to 2010) and the Element SUV (model years 2005 to 2008).

### Software Transmission Issues

According to Honda, the recall is due to software problems that can affect various vehicle transmissions. In a recent [Reuter's news article](#), one industry analyst said that if the software problem isn't fixed, it would probably only affect drivers stuck in the snow or mud who might try to rapidly shift between the gears to extricate the vehicles. In other words, only under extreme circumstances is the current software glitch likely to prevent vehicle transmissions from operating properly.

Another [new source](#) described the current software issue in the following manner: "The automatic transmission secondary shaft bearing in the affected vehicles can be damaged if the transmission is quickly shifted." This description of the problem makes it sound like transmission damage might actually occur under more routine circumstances.

When consumers take their vehicles in for repair, they will be outfitted with updated software that will fix this transmission issue.

## Honda's Overall Standing As an Automaker

Unfortunately, the current recall isn't the auto giant's only headache. Recently, *Consumer Reports* stated that it will not be recommending the [2012 Honda Civic](#) to the public. This is a hard blow for the automaker, especially since it comes on the heels of Japan's March earthquake and tsunami that have diminished vehicle inventory. Normally, America is Honda's single most important market.

In 2010, Honda [ranked fourth](#) in the U.S. auto market; this year, the company is ranked sixth. Given all of the current global economic problems, it's going to be difficult for Honda to regain its former stature any time soon.

## Recall Questions Concerning Your Honda

According to [Honda's own Web site](#), consumers are urged to contact their local dealers directly to determine if their vehicles are covered by the current recall. *(To locate your dealer's contact information over the Internet, please visit the following link:*

<http://automobiles.honda.com/tools/dealer-locator/>) Honda has also provided a phone number for consumers to call and obtain additional recall campaign information: 1-800- 999-1009.

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