
Accord Rear Brake Pad Wear Class Action

Currently Applies To: ALL 2008-2009 Accords and very few early 2010 Accords

On April 15, 2010, Judge Margaret Morrow of the United States District Court, Central District of California, entered an Order of Preliminary Approval of a class-action settlement in an action entitled *Browne et al. v. American Honda Motor Co., Inc.*, Case No. CV 09-06750. The class-action lawsuit involved claims of premature rear brake pad wear on all 2008-2009 and a very few early production 2010 Accords. The court will hold a fairness hearing on July 26, 2010, to determine if it will grant final approval of the proposed settlement. If the proposed settlement receives final approval from the District Court, the settlement will become effective 30 days after entry of the final approval order unless an appeal is filed. The Settlement Agreement, Notice to Class, and related documents are available online at www.accordsettlement.com. If final approval is granted, and assuming no appeal is filed, administration of the settlement will be handled by an outside third-party vendor not related to American Honda. We will keep you advised of the status of the settlement.

New Rear Brake Pad Set

The original rear brake pads have been superseded by a new rear brake pad kit that will be available mid-June 2010, and a new pad replacement procedure has been developed to improve wear characteristics. For detailed pad replacement instructions, refer to the instructions included in the rear brake pad kit or Rear Brake Pad Inspection/Replacement information in ISIS.

Rear Brake Pad Set: P/N 43022-TA0-A40

Disc Refinishing

Please review your repair policies when replacing pads. Our investigations have shown that the need for disc refinishing should be rare. Discs should be refinished only if they are out of spec, backed up by run-out measurements. For detailed inspection instructions, refer to the appropriate service manual.

Reimbursements

Prior to final approval of the settlement, if a customer should request reimbursement for any rear brake wear repair on these vehicles, refer that customer to Honda Automobile Customer Service (ACS) at **800-999-1009**. ACS will consider the request on a case-by-case basis. If final approval of the settlement is granted, and assuming no appeal is filed, an outside third-party vendor will be responsible for administering all claims for reimbursement pursuant to the terms and conditions of the settlement. For customer reference, the terms of reimbursement can be found on the website listed above.

Recommended Pricing

Here is American Honda's current suggested retail price for the new part:

Rear Brake Pad Set, P/N 43022-TA0-A40: \$66.66