

Model

Applicable To

File Under

Bulletin No.

1995-97  
ACCORD

ALL L4 with  
Factory-Installed Air  
Conditioners



98-072

Issue Date  
**SEPTEMBER  
1998**

## Recall: Accord Wire Harness Routing

### BACKGROUND

The factory-installed air conditioner wire harness may have been improperly routed, allowing some wires to rub against each other. Eventually, the insulation covering the wires may wear through and possibly cause a short circuit. This could cause the under-hood wiring to overheat and smoke. In the worst case, a short circuit could cause a fire in the engine compartment.

### CUSTOMER NOTIFICATION

All owners of affected vehicles will be contacted or mailed a notification of this recall by the distributor. An example of the customer letter is at the end of this service bulletin.

### CORRECTIVE ACTION

Inspect the wiring harness for damage. Install protective tubing over the wiring.

### PARTS INFORMATION

Corrugated Plastic Tubing (one meter):  
P/N 32120-SV4-888  
(One meter will repair 6 vehicles.)  
*For ordering purposes only.*

### REQUIRED MATERIALS

3M Scotch Brand Super 33 Electrical Tape:  
3M P/N 054007-06132 or 054007-06133

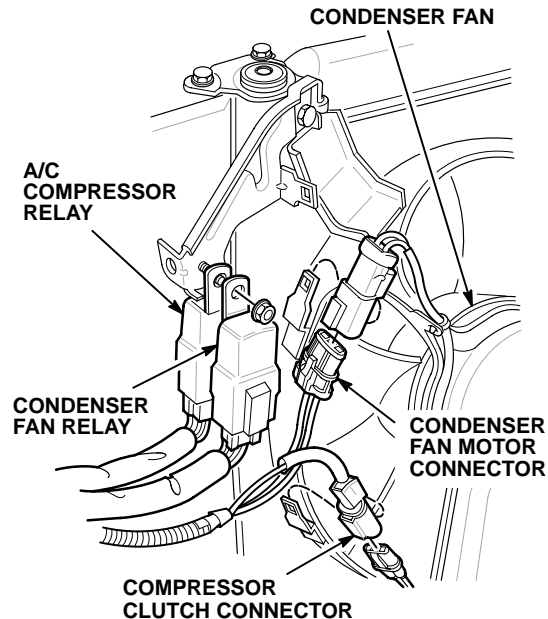
### WARRANTY CLAIM INFORMATION

Description	FRT	Replaced Parts
Inspect harness, install protective tubing	0.2	<b>Tubing</b> – P/N 32120-SV4-777 Claim for repairing one vehicle.
Inspect and replace harness, install protective tubing	0.8	<b>Wiring Harness</b> – Enter P/N 32129-SV4-999 under Parts Used

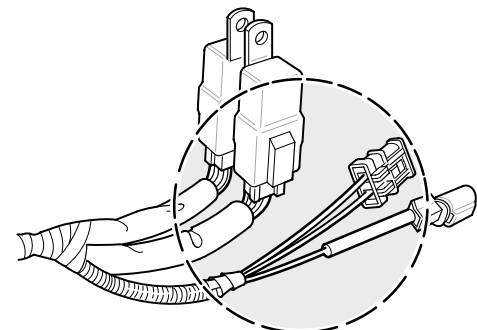
Defect code: 486

### INSPECTION PROCEDURE

1. Remove the A/C compressor and condenser fan relays mounting nut.



2. Disconnect the condenser fan motor and the compressor clutch connectors.
3. Inspect the wires in the shaded areas as shown for damage to the insulation.
  - If any of the insulation has worn through so that the copper wire strands are showing, then go to REPAIR PROCEDURE A.
  - If there are no copper wire strands showing, even though there may be some damage to the insulation, go to REPAIR PROCEDURE B.

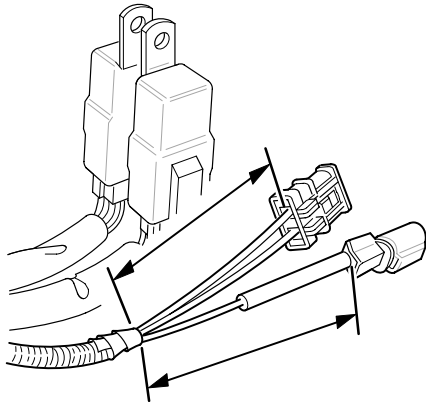


### REPAIR PROCEDURE A

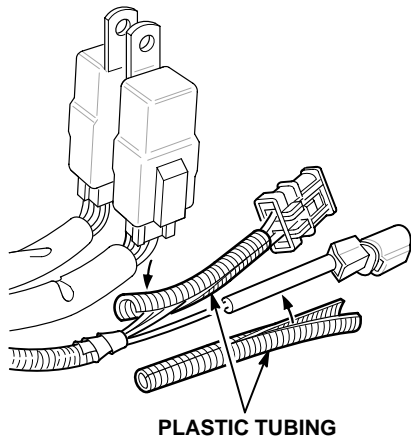
1. Replace the wire harness assembly.
2. Continue to REPAIR PROCEDURE B.

### REPAIR PROCEDURE B

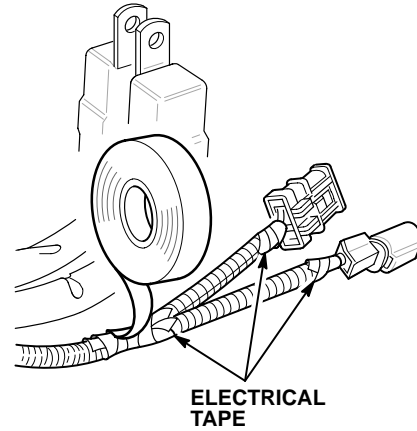
1. Measure the length of wire between the outer sheath and the connectors of the compressor clutch and the condenser fan motor.



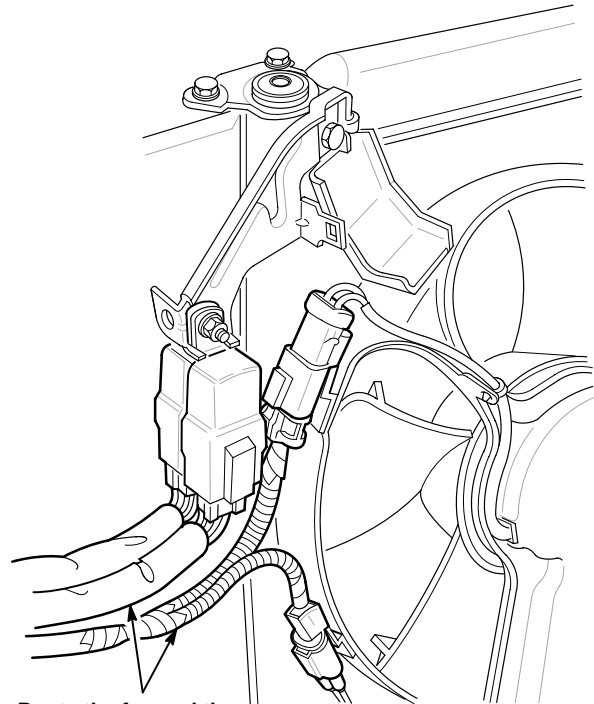
2. Cut two pieces of corrugated plastic tubing (see PARTS INFORMATION) to the lengths measured in step 1.
3. Install the tubing pieces over the wires.



4. Anchor the tubes to the wire harness with 3M electrical tape (see REQUIRED MATERIALS).



5. Reinstall the relays to the bracket with the original nut.
6. Route the wiring for the compressor clutch and the condenser fan motor, then reconnect the connectors.



7. Center-punch a completion mark above the third character of the engine compartment VIN.

Center-punch here.

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**Example of Customer Letter**

September 1998

**Safety Recall: 1995 – 97 Accord Wire Harness**

Dear Accord Owner:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with safety requirements.

**What is the reason for this notice?**

Honda Motor Co., Ltd. has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 1995 – 97 Accords. The factory-installed air conditioner wire harness in certain 1995 – 97 Accords may have been improperly routed, allowing some wires to rub against each other. Eventually, the insulation covering the wires may wear through and possibly cause a short circuit. This problem is usually detected by a blown fuse, a dead battery, or a malfunction of the air conditioner. A short circuit could also cause the under-hood wiring to overheat and smoke. In the worst case, a short circuit could cause a fire in the engine compartment.

**What should you do?**

Call any authorized Honda automobile dealer and make an appointment to have your car repaired. They will reroute the wire harness and install insulation. *This repair will be done free of charge.* Parts are now available.

**Who to contact if you experience problems.**

If you are not satisfied with the service you receive from your Honda dealer, you may write to your local distributor.

*(Name, address, and telephone number of local distributor)*

**What to do if you feel this notice is in error.**

This notice was mailed to you according to the most current information we have available. If you no longer own this vehicle, or some information in this notice is incorrect, please contact your local distributor.

**If you have questions.**

If you have questions about this notice, or need assistance with contacting a Honda dealer, please contact *(name of local distributor)* at *(telephone number)*.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you.

Sincerely,

**(NAME OF DISTRIBUTOR)**