

## POSITION STATEMENT

## SUBJECT: USE OF SALVAGE / RECYCLED PARTS ON HONDA VEHICLES

TORRANCE, Calif., June 10, 2008 – American Honda recognizes the importance of recycling, but the use of salvage / recycled parts to repair collision-damaged vehicles raises serious concerns about quality, suitability, safety and warranty.

Many factors can influence the quality and / or suitability of salvage / recycled parts including but not limited to, exposure to weather, improper removal or transfer of parts, possible mis-match of vehicle electrical components or other safety-related items as well as excessive wear on vital mechanical parts such as steering or suspension parts.

In cases where the donor vehicle was repaired due to a prior collision, salvage / recycle parts may not be an original or Honda Genuine replacement part. At this time, there is no generally accepted process or system in place to regulate the quality or suitability of salvage / recycle parts.

American Honda believes the interests of vehicle owners and collision repairers are best served when Honda Genuine replacement parts are used in the repair of a Honda vehicle.