#### **COVER EMAIL TO CLASS MEMBERS**

Dear Class Member.

## Re: Canadian Acura Hands-Free Calling System

You are receiving this email because you are a person resident in Canada, excluding Quebec, who own, owned, lease or leased an Acura TL (Model Year 2004-2008), Acura MDX (Model Year 2007-2011), Acura RDX (Model Year 2007-2008), or Acura ZDX (Model Year 2008-2011). A settlement has been reached that may affect your legal rights. The Settlement is still subject to approval by the Supreme Court of British Columbia. Please see the Court-approved Notice of Certification and Settlement Approval Hearing by clicking <a href="here">here</a>.

#### More Information

The Notice contains only a summary of the Settlement and Class Members are encouraged to review the complete Settlement Agreement <u>here</u>.

If you have questions that are not answered online, please contact the appropriate Class Counsel identified below. The law firm represents Class Members in the Action. They can be reached at:

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#### ACURA HFL CLASS ACTION

#### NOTICE OF CERTIFICATION AND SETTLEMENT APPROVAL HEARING

Do you own or lease or have you owned or leased one of the following Acura vehicles ("Affected Class Vehicles") equipped with a hands-free calling system?

MODEL	MODEL YEARS (INCLUSIVE)
Acura TL	2004-2008
Acura MDX	2007-2011
Acura RDX	2007-2008
Acura ZDX	2008-2011

If you are a current or former owner or lessee of certain Acura vehicles, you may be eligible to receive benefits in a proposed class action settlement.

### HEARINGS TO APPROVE SETTLEMENT

Our records show that you are the current or former owner or lessee of a certain model year Acura vehicle being one of the Affected Class Vehicles identified above. A class action relating to these vehicles has been settled, subject to Court approval, as part of the proposed Settlement, you <u>may</u> be eligible for benefits including:

- expenses incurred for repair or replacement HandsFreeLink<sup>TM</sup> ("HFL") unit in Affected Class Vehicles as a result of HFL Issues to a maximum amount of \$500;
- expenses incurred for disconnecting the HFL unit in Affected Class Vehicles as a result of specific issues with the HFL Unit to a maximum amount of \$350.

For Settlement details, to determine if your vehicle is eligible, and to obtain the Long-Form Notice, visit the website at www.acurahandsfreelinkdefect.ca, call 1-844-878-0444, or send an email to ksgarcha@garchalaw.ca.

The Supreme Court of British Columbia has certified the class action and will next hold hearings to consider and approve the proposed Settlement. Any Class Member may appear and speak at these hearings, at their own cost. Any Class Member may also opt out of the class actions.

For more information about the Settlement Approval Hearings, including how to make comments, and for information about opting out, please check the website at <a href="https://www.acurahandsfreelinkdefect.ca">www.acurahandsfreelinkdefect.ca</a>.

### WHAT IS THIS CLASS ACTION ABOUT?

A class action was commenced in British Columbia against the manufacturers of certain Acura vehicles (Honda Canada Inc., Honda Motor Company, Ltd. and Honda of America, Mfg., Inc.) (collectively, the "Defendants").

### WHAT IF I DON'T WANT TO BE IN THIS CLASS ACTION?

If you do not want to participate in the class action, you must send a signed letter or email to Class Counsel, with the following information:

- your full name, current address and telephone number;
- if you are writing on behalf of a company, the name of the company and your position at the company; and
- a statement saying that you (or the company) want to opt out of the class action.

Requests to opt out must be sent via regular mail or courier in an Opt-Out Form to:

Acura HandfreeLink Defect c/o RicePoint Administration Inc. P.O. Box 3355, London, ON N6A 4K3

before the Claims Deadline. For more information, visit www.acurahandsfreelinkdefect.ca.

This is your only chance to opt out of the class action. No further right to opt out will be provided.

If you opt out:

- you will <u>not</u> be eligible to participate in the ongoing class action, and
- you will not be bound by the outcome of the class action, i.e., the Settlement Agreement if approved by the Court, and
- you will <u>not</u> receive any money from the class action, but
- you can start or continue your own case against the Defendants regarding the claims made in the class action.

The class action alleges that the Defendants failed to disclose a defect in the "hands-free" calling system, HandsFreeLink<sup>TM</sup>, offered in the Affected Class Vehicles. The alleged defect causes an electrical draw that may damage the Affected Class Vehicles' battery and/or alternator ("**HFL Issues**"). The class action seeks compensation for Class Members due to the Defendants' alleged wrongdoing. The allegations were not proven in Court.

The class action (Gill v. Honda Canada Inc., et al., Action No. S-177374, the "Action") was certified by the Supreme Court of British Columbia and is brought on behalf of Class Members across Canada, except the Province of Quebec.

## WHO ARE THE CLASS MEMBERS?

The Class Members are: All persons resident in Canada, excluding Quebec, who, own, owned, lease or leased one of the Affected Class Vehicles and who claim they have suffered damages as a result of a defective HFL system that drains power from the battery when the vehicle's ignition is off.

Excluded Persons are: Employees, officers, directors, agents of the Defendants and their family members, Class Counsel, presiding judges, and any person who has commenced an individual proceeding against or delivered a release to the Defendants concerning the subject of the Action.

# WHO AM I REPRESENTED BY?

GARCHA & COMPANY

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#### HOW WILL THE LAWYERS GET PAID?

The lawyers will be paid a percentage of the amount recovered from the Defendants, plus disbursements and applicable taxes, which must be approved by the Court.

If you do nothing, and do not opt out:

- you will be eligible to participate in the ongoing class action, and
- you will be bound by the outcome of the class action, i.e., the Settlement Agreement if approved by the Court, and
- you may receive money from the class action, but
- you will not be able to start or continue your own case against the Defendants regarding the claims made in the class action.

# HAVE MORE QUESTIONS?

Visit <u>www.acurahandsfreelinkdefect.ca;</u> email <u>ksgarcha@garchalaw.ca;</u> or call 1-844-878-0444

INQUIRIES SHOULD NOT BE DIRECTED TO THE COURT.

THIS NOTICE HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.