

**CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

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Re: Request for Confidential Treatment/ VINS: 2008 Honda Accord Model Codes

Dear Mr. Willen:

This responds to your letter of January 8, 2008, requesting confidential treatment for vehicle identification number information for certain 2009 model year Acura TSX and RL vehicles, submitted by the American Honda Motor Co., Inc. (Honda) pursuant to 49 CFR Part 565. Honda requests confidential treatment for the TSX vehicles until March 20, 2008, and for the RL vehicles until February 15, 2008.

Your request is now moot. Under the terms of your original request—which requested confidential treatment until March 20, 2008 and February 15, 2008, respectively—the materials may now be released.

Sincerely,

**Original Signed By**

Otto G. Matheke, III  
Senior Attorney

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**RE: Request for Confidentiality, Vehicle Identification Numbers (VIN)**

Dear Mr. Guerci:

Enclosed herewith is a Request for Confidentiality for your consideration. Honda would like to request that the information for the Acura TSX be held confidential until March 20, 2008 and the Acura RL be held confidential until February 15, 2008.

Please advise me of your decision on this matter at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO., INC.

*William R. Willen by [Signature] Esq.*

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Enclosure(s)

cc: Administrator (NHTSA)

VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER  
49CFR PART 565

VIN Number Format

# HONDA & ACURA VIN IDENTIFICATION

A	A	A	B	B	B	B	B	C	D	E	F	F	F	F	F	F
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**MODEL CODE**  
Refer to attached page

**CHECK DIGIT**  
Refer to 49CFR565.4

**SEQUENTIAL PRODUCTION NUMBER**

**MANUFACTURER, MAKE & TYPE OF VEHICLE**

**JHM** - Honda Motor Co., Ltd., - HONDA, Passenger car  
**JH4** - Honda Motor Co., Ltd., - ACURA, Passenger car  
**JHL** - Honda Motor Co., Ltd., - HONDA, Multipurpose Passenger Vehicle  
**JH1** - Honda Motor Co., Ltd., - HONDA, Truck  
**1HG** - Honda of America Mfg., Inc., - HONDA, Passenger car  
**19U** - Honda of America Mfg., Inc., - ACURA, Passenger car  
**5J6** - Honda of America Mfg., Inc., - HONDA, Multipurpose Passenger Vehicle  
**5J8** - Honda of America Mfg., Inc., - ACURA, Multipurpose Passenger Vehicle  
**5J7** - Honda of America Mfg., Inc., - HONDA, Truck  
**5J0** - Honda of America Mfg., Inc., - ACURA, Truck  
**5KB** - Honda Mfg., Alabama, Llc., - HONDA, Passenger car  
**5KC** - Honda Mfg., Alabama, Llc., - ACURA Passenger car  
**5FN** - Honda Mfg., Alabama, Llc., - HONDA, Multipurpose Passenger Vehicle  
**5FR** - Honda Mfg., Alabama, Llc., - ACURA Multipurpose Passenger Vehicle  
**5FP** - Honda Mfg., Alabama, Llc., - HONDA, Truck  
**5FS** - Honda Mfg., Alabama, Llc., - ACURA Truck  
**2HG** - Honda of Canada Mfg., Inc., - HONDA, Passenger car  
**2HH** - Honda of Canada Mfg., Inc., - ACURA, Passenger car  
**2HK** - Honda of Canada Mfg., Inc., - HONDA, Multipurpose Passenger Vehicle  
**2HN** - Honda of Canada Mfg., Inc., - ACURA, Multipurpose Passenger Vehicle  
**2HJ** - Honda of Canada Mfg., Inc., - HONDA, Truck  
**2HU** - Honda of Canada Mfg., Inc., - ACURA, Truck  
**SHH** - Honda of the U.K. Mfg., Ltd., - HONDA, Passenger car  
**SHS** - Honda of the U.K. Mfg., Ltd., - HONDA, Multipurpose Passenger Vehicle  
**3HG** - Honda de Mexico, HONDA, Passenger car  
**3CZ** - Honda de Mexico, HONDA, Multipurpose Passenger Vehicle  
**19X** - Honda Mfg., Indiana, Llc., - HONDA, Passenger car

**YEAR**

**Y** = 2000  
**1** = 2001  
**2** = 2002  
**3** = 2003  
**4** = 2004  
**5** = 2005  
**6** = 2006  
**7** = 2007  
**8** = 2008  
**9** = 2009  
**A** = 2010  
**B** = 2011  
**C** = 2012  
**D** = 2013  
**E** = 2014  
**F** = 2015  
**G** = 2016

**PLANT**

**H**: Alliston, Ontario, Canada  
**L**: East Liberty Ohio, USA  
**G**: El Salto, Jalisco, Mexico  
**A**: Marysville, Ohio, USA  
**C**: Sayama, Saitama, Japan  
**S**: Suzuka, Mie, Japan  
**T**: Takanezawa Tochigi, Japan  
**B**: Lincoln Alabama, USA  
**U**: Swindon, Wiltshire, U.K.  
**E**: Greensburg, Indiana, USA

VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER  
49CFR PART 565

2009 ACURA RL Model Codes

Model Code	Model Description	Trans	Body Type	GVWR *1 Class	Restraint system *2 Front	Rear	Engine Type
RL				D	A	B	
RL				D	A	B	
RL				D	A	B	

**\*1 GVWR CLASS**

D: 5,001-6,000 lbs.

**\*2 Restraint System**

A: Seat Belt, Air Bag, Side Air bag and Side Curtain Air Bag (Driver and Passenger)

B: Seat Belt & Side Curtain Air bag (Rr outer positions) / Seat Belt (Rr center position)



VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER  
49CFR PART 565

2009 ACURA TSX Model Codes

Model Code	Model Description	Trans	Body Type	GVWR *1 Class	Restraint system *2		Engine Type
					Front	Rear	
	TSX			C	A	B	
	TSX			C	A	B	

**\*1**

**GVWR CLASS**

C: 4,001-5,000 lbs.

**\*2**

**Restraint System**

A: Seat Belt , Air Bag , Side A/B , and Side Curtain A/B (Driver and Passenger)

B: Seat Belt and Side Curtain A/B (Rr outer positions) / Seat Belt (Rr center position)

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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
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ATTENTION: V.I.N. Coordinator

**RE: Vehicle Identification Numbers (VIN)**

Dear Administrator:

A request for confidentiality has been made to the Office of Chief Counsel, U.S. Department of Transportation. **DO NOT OPEN** this envelope until a decision has been made on its' confidentiality.

In accordance with 49 CFR, Part 565, Vehicle Identification Number Requirements, we are enclosing information specified in the regulation that is applicable for the following 2009 model year automobile(s):

<u>MODEL</u>	<u>Honda's Requested Confidentiality Date</u>
Acura TSX	until March 20, 2008
Acura RL	until February 15, 2008

Yours truly,

AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO., INC.

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