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SUBJECT: USE OF ADDITIVES, FLUIDS, AND FLUSHES IN SERVICE MAINTENANCE ON HONDA VEHICLES

TORRANCE, Calif., February 28, 2019 – The use of Honda Genuine parts and fluids are recommended when maintaining and servicing a Honda vehicle, and consumers should consult their Honda owner's manual and maintenance minder for more information on recommended maintenance procedures and service intervals. The following are some service procedures related to additives, fluids, and flushes that American Honda either does not recommend or generally considers unnecessary for Honda vehicles operating under normal conditions (with limited exceptions):

- **Using oil additives:** Your vehicle does not require oil additives. In fact, they may adversely affect the engine performance and durability.
- **Engine flushing:** This procedure is not recommended by American Honda, as there is no reason to perform engine oil system flushing as a maintenance procedure.
- **Fuel injection cleaning/flushing:** This procedure is not recommended by American Honda, as it is an unnecessary maintenance procedure and improper repair procedure. If a Honda vehicle is experiencing a fuel injector malfunction, the faulty injector should be replaced.
- **Transmission flushing:** This procedure is not necessary, except in very rare instances (for example, to remove improper fluids). Transmission fluid *replacement* (as opposed to flushing) is recommended only at the mileage intervals specified in the Honda owner's manual.
- **Engine cooling system flushing:** This procedure is not necessary, except in very rare instances (for example, to remove incorrect coolant).
- **Extra oil changes:** Oil changes should be performed in accordance with maintenance minder and the Honda owner's manual. Only a relatively small percentage of Honda owners routinely operate their vehicles under severe maintenance conditions which might necessitate more frequent changes than are typically recommended.
- **Brake fluid:** Brake fluid changes should be recommended in accordance with the Honda owner's manual, and no more than once every three years.

- **Power steering fluid flushing:** This procedure is not recommended by American Honda, as there is no reason to perform power steering system flushing except in rare instances (for example, if fluid is contaminated or discolored).

Following American Honda's recommendations in the Honda owner's manual and maintenance minder may help avoid the expense and inconvenience often associated with unnecessary services and products. Consumers with questions regarding recommended maintenance procedures and service intervals for their vehicles should consult their Honda owner's manual or ask their Honda dealer.