

PRODUCT SAFETY RECALL
Remote Controller
Issued September 1996

- PRODUCT:** Safety recall has been initiated for three of the four models of remote controls sold by American Honda build between June 1, 1994 and September 1, 1995. The units affected do not have the RKFV Label
- PROBLEM:** The failure is caused by an improperly hardened gear in the control mechanism. This could result in the inability to reduce throttle and shift the engine out of gear.
- WHAT TO DO:** If your controller matches one of the affected controllers contact a servicing Honda marine dealer to have your controller inspected. To find the nearest Honda dealer you may check our dealer locator on our web site: www.honda-marine.com or call toll free 1-888-888-3139.

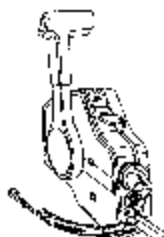
*** Please see letter sent to Honda customers**

September 30, 1996

Dear Honda Marine Customer,

A product safety recall has been initiated for three of the four models of remote controls sold by American Honda. Since you recently purchased a Honda outboard motor, it may be possible that you could have purchased one of these controllers. The models which may be affected are illustrated below.

NOT AFFECTED



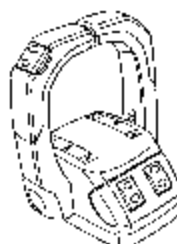
POSSIBLY AFFECTED



PANEL-MOUNT
24800-ZW1-V21



SINGLE TOP-MOUNT
24800-ZW1-V01



DUAL TOP-MOUNT
24800-ZW1-V11

⚠ WARNING

A remote control which is affected by this recall could fail without warning.

A failure could result your being unable to reduce throttle and shift the engine out of gear.

Do not use your boat until the remote control mechanism has been inspected and, if necessary, repaired.

The failure is caused by an improperly hardened gear in the control mechanism.

If you choose to operate your boat before inspection, and a remote control failure occurs, the only way to stop the boat will be to turn the ignition switch off or pull the safety switch lanyard. Then, you will not be able to restart the engine because the control lever cannot be returned to the neutral starting position.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

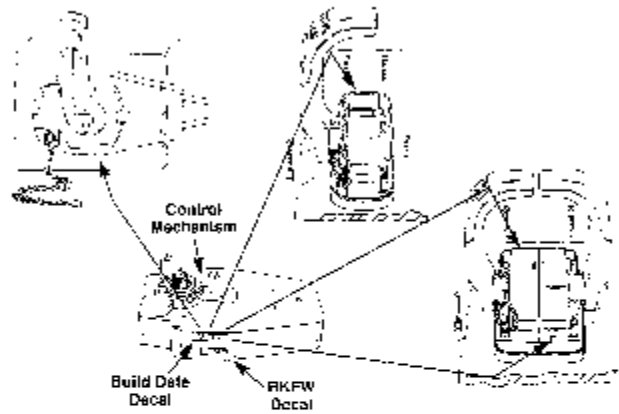
Determine if your controller matches one of the controllers shown above. If you do not own one of these controllers, please check the appropriate box on the enclosed postcard and drop it in the mail. If your controller matches one of the models shown above, please continue.

HOW TO DETERMINE IF YOUR CONTROLLER IS AFFECTED BY THIS RECALL

You have to locate the manufacturing date and a modification label on the controller's mechanism. The controller's mechanism is located inside the panel your controller is mounted on.

- The manufacturing date may be numeric or alphanumeric: 08/01/95, Aug/1/95, 1/Aug/95, or August 1/1995.
- The modification label will display the letters "RKFW".

There is no standard location for these labels. You may find them located anywhere on the controller's mechanism. Please refer to the following illustration to help you identify the label(s). A flashlight and inspection mirror will be helpful. In some installations it may not be possible to see the label(s) without removing the controller's mechanism. If you are uncomfortable removing the mechanism, contact your Honda Marine dealer for inspection.



Once you have determined what labels your controller has, please refer to the chart below.

What you found	What to do next
Unable to locate or determine content of labels.	Contact your Honda Marine dealer to arrange for inspection.
Manufacturing date is between June 1, 1994 and September 1, 1995 and you do not find an "RKFV"	
Manufacturing date is not within the affected range.	Your controller is not affected. Please complete the enclosed prepaid postcard and mail
Manufacturing date is between June 1, 1994 and September 1, 1995 and you find an "RKFV" label.	

Honda Marine apologizes for this inconvenience. We have taken this action for your continued satisfaction and safety. If you have any questions about this matter which your Honda Marine dealer cannot answer, please contact us at: