

DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT

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Identification of potentially affected vehicles:

<u>Make/Model</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>VIN Range/Dates of Manufacture</u>
Honda Civic Hatchback	Certain 2017 model year	SHHFK7H51HU200782 - SHHFK7H44HU430081 8/02/2016 – 7/27/2017
Honda Civic Type R	Certain 2017 model year	SHHFK8G76HU200320 4/07/2017

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Identification of affected component:

Component: Front Seatback Pad (Left and Right)
Part No.: 81127-TGG-A41, 81127-TGG-A61, 81127-TGH-A01,
81527-TGG-A51, 81527-TGG-A91, 81527-TGH-A01
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Description of the basis for the determination of the recall population:

The recall population was determined based on dealership service parts records. The VIN range reflects all possible vehicles that could potentially experience the problem.

Description of how the vehicles being recalled differ from similar vehicles not included in the recall:

Affected vehicles had non-compliant replacement service parts installed. Similar vehicles not included in the recall were originally equipped with compliant front seatback pads.

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Total number of potentially affected vehicles: 69

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Percentage of affected vehicles that contain the defect: 100%

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Defect description:

Driver and front passenger seatback pads sold as replacement service parts were made without slit openings for the seat-mounted side airbags. In the event of a crash necessitating airbag deployment, the seatback pad would interfere and adversely affect airbag performance. Adverse airbag performance does not comply with the requirements of FMVSS No. 214, Side impact protection, increasing the risk of injury to the seated occupant.

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Chronology:

November 2017

A dealer reported to Honda that a replacement front seatback pad from service parts inventory was missing a slit for the seat-mounted side airbag. Honda launched an investigation into the seat manufacturing process.

December 2017

The investigation revealed that service part drawings inadvertently did not include a slit for the front seatback pads.

January to April 2018

Airbag testing and analysis using non-slitted front seatback pads was conducted to determine its effect on occupant protection. It was confirmed that the seatback pad interferes with airbag deployment, resulting in adverse airbag performance and potential FMVSS non-compliance. Honda also investigated the range of potentially affected vehicles through service parts records.

April 19, 2018

Honda completed the investigation and determined that FMVSS non-compliance exists and decided to conduct a non-compliance recall.

As of April 19, 2018 Honda has not received any warranty claims, field reports, or reports of injuries related to this non-compliance.

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Program for remedying the defect:

Registered owners of all affected vehicles will be contacted by mail and asked to take their vehicle to a Honda automobile dealer. The dealer will replace the front seatback pad(s) for free.

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The estimated date to start notification to dealers: April 27, 2018

The estimated date to start notifications to owners: June 1, 2018

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Representative copies of all notices, bulletins and other communications:

A copy of the dealer service bulletin, the final owner notification letter and other dealer communication will be submitted to your office as soon as possible.

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Proposed owner notification letter submission:

A draft of the owner notification letter will be submitted to your office as soon as possible.

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Manufacturer's campaign number: E1D, U1B, X1C