OMB Control No.: 2127-0004

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

## 19V-784

**Manufacturer Name:** Honda (American Honda Motor Co.)

Submission Date: OCT 31, 2019 NHTSA Recall No.: 19V-784 Manufacturer Recall No.: X6J



#### **Manufacturer Information:**

Manufacturer Name: Honda (American Honda Motor Co.)

Address: 1919 Torrance Blvd.

Torrance CA 90501

Company phone: 1-888-234-2138

## **Population:**

Number of potentially involved : 10 Estimated percentage with defect : 60 %

#### **Vehicle Information:**

Vehicle 1: 2019-2019 Honda Pilot

Vehicle Type :
Body Style :
Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : The recall population was determined based on manufacturing records. The

manufacturing range reflects all vehicles that potentially could experience the problem. Manufacturing records identified certain production periods during which improper welding processes may have occurred. There is 100% traceability between the production periods when improper welding processes may have occurred and the VIN, such that similar vehicles not included in the recall were not affected by the

improper welding processes. The number of affected units is 4.

Production Dates: MAY 29, 2019 - JUN 10, 2019

Vehicle 2: 2019-2019 Honda Passport

Vehicle Type :
Body Style :
Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information: The recall population was determined based on manufacturing records. The

manufacturing range reflects all vehicles that potentially could experience the problem. Manufacturing records identified certain production periods during which improper welding processes may have occurred. There is 100% traceability between the production periods when improper welding processes may have occurred and the VIN, such that similar vehicles not included in the recall were not affected by the

improper welding processes. The number of affected units is 1.

Production Dates: OCT 07, 2019 - OCT 07, 2019

Vehicle 3: 2020-2020 Honda Pilot

Vehicle Type : Body Style :

Power Train: NR

Descriptive Information : The recall population was determined based on manufacturing records. The

manufacturing range reflects all vehicles that potentially could experience the problem. Manufacturing records identified certain production periods during which improper welding processes may have occurred. There is 100% traceability between the production periods when improper welding processes may have occurred and the

VIN, such that similar vehicles not included in the recall were not affected by the

improper welding processes. The number of affected units is 5.

Production Dates: JUL 30, 2019 - SEP 30, 2019

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End: NR

Not sequential

## **Description of Defect:**

Description of the Defect: The front frame left-side and right-side upper members on affected vehicles

may not have been completely welded to the unibody. Affected vehicles may not comply with the requirements of FMVSS 208 Occupant crash protection

and/or FMVSS 219 Windshield zone intrusion.

FMVSS 1: NR

FMVSS 2: NR

Description of the Safety Risk: Incomplete body welding may adversely affect occupant crash protection,

increasing the risk of injury.

Description of the Cause: NR

Identification of Any Warning NR

that can Occur:

## **Supplier Identification:**

### **Component Manufacturer**

Name: NR

Address: NR

NR

Country: NR

## **Chronology:**

October 14, 2019

A vehicle on the production line was identified as missing welds on the front frame left-side and right-side upper members. Honda immediately launched an investigation.

#### October 15-17, 2019

The investigation suspected that the missing welds were related to trial testing of a reconfigured production line. Similar vehicles at the manufacturing plant were inspected and an additional two units were identified as missing welds.

### October 18-19, 2019

As a confirmatory check, all similar vehicles at the manufacturing plant were inspected for missing welds. No other vehicles were identified.

## October 20, 2019

Honda confirmed that certain welding stations on the production line contained inappropriate legacy programming. Honda determined that at the conclusion of the most recent round of trial testing, the restart of mass production created a unique circumstance that triggered the execution of the inappropriate legacy programming. The programming deliberately skipped some welds on the first vehicle on the restarted production line. Because there were prior rounds of trial testing, Honda believes it possible that the first vehicle produced after those rounds of testing were completed could be similarly affected.

#### October 30, 2019

Honda determined that a defect related to motor vehicle safety existed and decided to conduct a safety recall.

As of October 30, 2019, Honda has not received any warranty claims or field reports, nor any reports of injuries related to this issue.

## **Description of Remedy:**

Description of Remedy Program: Registered owners of all affected vehicles will be contacted by mail (and

other contact methods if available) and asked to take their vehicle to a Honda automobile dealer. If the vehicle is identified as missing some welds, the dealer will offer to repurchase the vehicle or provide a similar replacement vehicle. Because the new vehicle limited warranty on all affected vehicles would have provided a free repair for the problem addressed by this recall, without any payment by the owner, reimbursement for pre-notification repairs will not be offered.

How Remedy Component Differs NR

from Recalled Component:

Identify How/When Recall Condition NR

was Corrected in Production:

## **Recall Schedule:**

Description of Recall Schedule: Dealer notification is expected to begin on or about November 1, 2019.

Owner notification is expected to begin on or about December 13, 2019.

Planned Dealer Notification Date: NOV 01, 2019 - NR

Planned Owner Notification Date: DEC 13, 2019 - NR

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