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## Statement by American Honda Regarding Honda Genuine Accessory Tonneau Cover Recall: 2017-2020 Honda Ridgeline

- 28,885 tonneau covers sold as Honda Genuine Accessories are affected in the United States
- Vehicles will be inspected, and if a recalled cover is found, a tether and warning label will be installed and an updated accessory user's manual will be provided, for free
- No reported crashes or injuries related to this issue

TORRANCE, Calif. – Sept. 24, 2020 – American Honda will voluntarily recall 28,885 Honda Genuine Accessory tonneau covers that may have been installed on 2017-2020 Honda Ridgeline pickup trucks in the United States. No related crashes or injuries have been reported.

The Honda Genuine Accessory tonneau cover for the 2017–2020 Honda Ridgeline is a tri-fold design that can be positioned to either partially cover (open) or completely cover (closed) the truck bed. If the tonneau cover is not properly secured in the open or closed position and the vehicle is operated at highway speeds, the wind resistance may cause the tonneau cover to flip and buckle, deforming the hinges between the center and rear panel. Deformed hinges could allow the rear panel to separate from the tonneau cover, creating a road hazard and increasing the risk of a crash or injury.

To complete the free recall repair, an authorized Honda dealer will install a tether between the tonneau cover's center and rear panel to prevent panel separation, and apply warning labels to the tonneau cover. In addition, the dealer will provide an updated accessory user's information manual, which instructs the owner to properly secure the tonneau cover prior to vehicle operation.

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Honda is announcing this recall to encourage each owner of an affected vehicle to take it to an authorized dealer as soon as they receive notification of this recall from Honda. Mailed notification to owners will begin in late-October 2020. Owners of these models can also determine if their specific vehicles are included in the recall by visiting <a href="https://www.recalls.honda.com">www.recalls.honda.com</a> or by calling (888) 234-2138.

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