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June 7, 2021

Mr. Jeffrey Giuseppe
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Attn: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Part 573, Defect Information Report
2022 Honda Odyssey
Second Row Outboard Seats

Dear Mr. Giuseppe:

In accordance with the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act and 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance and Responsibility Reports, Honda is submitting the enclosed Defect Information Report regarding a safety recall of certain 2022 model year Honda Odyssey vehicles to address a defect with the second row outboard seats.

If you have any questions about this report, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO., INC.



Jeff Chang
Senior Manager
Product Regulatory Office

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Defect Information Report

573.6(c)(1)

Name of manufacturer: Honda Development & Manufacturing of America, LLC (AAP)

Manufacturer's agent: Jeff Chang
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Identification of potentially affected vehicles:

<u>Make/Model</u>	<u>Model Year</u>	<u>Dates of Manufacture</u>	<u>Number of Vehicles</u>
Honda Odyssey	2022	05/08/2021 to 05/27/2021	274

Description of the basis for the determination of the recall population:

The recall population was determined based on manufacturing records. The production 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:

The second row outboard seat rails on affected vehicles were manually adjusted during the assembly process. The second row outboard seat rails on similar vehicles not included in the recall either were not manually adjusted during the assembly process, or passed quality inspections confirming proper functionality.

Identification of affected component:

Component: Seat Assy

Part No.:	Left	Right
	81700-THR-K90	81300-THR-K90
	81700-THR-L00	81300-THR-L90
	81700-THR-L20	81300-THR-L20
	81700-THR-L40	81300-THR-L40
	81700-THR-L80	81300-THR-L80
	81700-THR-X30	81300-THR-X30
	81700-THR-X50	81300-THR-X50

Country of Origin: U.S.
Manufacturer: TS Tech Alabama, LLC.

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Total number of potentially affected vehicles: 274

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Percentage of affected vehicles that contain the defect: 100%

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Defect description:

Manual adjustments to the second row outboard seat rails during the assembly process may have deformed the seat rail locking mechanism, potentially preventing the seat rail from locking. If the second row outboard seat cannot maintain a fixed locked position, the seat may move unexpectedly, increasing the risk of injury.

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Chronology:

May 17, 2021

Routine factory quality inspections of new vehicles identified movement in a second row outboard seat, in which the seat rail had been manually adjusted during the assembly process and investigation begins.

May 21, 2021

Investigation shows that the second row outboard seat identified above was not locked into place.

May 26, 2021

Meeting with supplier concluded that the seat rail locking mechanism was deformed during the assembly process.

May 28, 2021

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

As of May 28, 2021, Honda has received 0 warranty claims, 0 field reports, and 0 injuries related to this issue.

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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 dealer. The dealer will replace both second row outboard seat frames for free.

Owners who have paid to have these repairs completed at their own expense will be eligible for reimbursement, in accord with the recall reimbursement plan on file with NHTSA.

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The date notification sent to dealers:

May 29, 2021

The estimated date to start notifications to owners:

July 19, 2021

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Representative copies of all notices, bulletins and other communications:

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

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:

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