

U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

October 5, 2021

Mr. Jeff Chang
Honda (American Honda Motor Co.)
1919 Torrance Blvd

NEF-107JK
21V-768

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

**Subject:** Pinhole in Tire Sidewall / FMVSS 139

Dear Mr. Chang:

Torrance, CA 90501

This letter serves to acknowledge Honda (American Honda Motor Co.)'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

#### Makes/Models/Model Years:

HONDA/ODYSSEY/2022

Mfr's Report Date: September 29, 2021

NHTSA Campaign Number: 21V-768

**Components:** TIRES:SIDEWALL

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 181

### **Problem Description:**

Honda (American Honda Motor Co.) is recalling certain 2022 Odyssey vehicles equipped with Bridgestone tires. The affected vehicles may have a tire that contains a pinhole, causing a slow air leak. As such, these tires fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 139, "New Pneumatic Radial Tires for Light Vehicles."

## **Consequence:**

A slow air leak can affect tire performance, and increase the risk of a crash.

# Remedy:

Dealers will inspect all four tires and replace the tire if a pinhole is found, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed November 18, 2021. Owners may contact Honda customer service at 1-888-234-2138. Honda's number for this recall is HBL.

### **Notes:**

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.nhtsa.gov.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:



You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Honda (American Honda Motor Co.)'s contact for this recall will be Jennifer Kruger who may be reached by email at jennifer.kruger@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Alex Ansley

Chief, Recall Management Division Office of Defects Investigation

Enforcement

