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November 18, 2021

Ms. Anne Collins  
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, Noncompliance Information Report  
2021MY Honda Accord Sedan, 2021MY Honda Accord Hybrid, 2021MY Honda  
CR-V, 2022MY Honda CR-V Hybrid, 2022MY Honda Insight, 2022MY Honda  
Ridgeline  
Second Row Center Seat Belt Assembly

Dear Ms. Collins:

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 Noncompliance Information Report regarding a safety recall of certain 2021-2022 model year Honda Accord Sedan, Accord Hybrid, CR-V, CR-V Hybrid, Insight, and Ridgeline vehicles to address a noncompliance with the second row center seat belt assembly.

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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## Noncompliance Information Report

573.6(c)(1)

**Name of manufacturer:** Honda Development and Manufacturing of America, LLC

**Manufacturer's agent:** Jeff Chang  
American Honda Motor Co., Inc.  
1919 Torrance Blvd.  
Torrance, CA 90501-2746

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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 Accord Sedan	2021	08/20/2021 to 09/13/2021	3,068
Honda Accord Hybrid	2021	08/20/2021 to 08/20/2021	60
Honda CR-V	2021	08/26/2021 to 09/08/2021	346
Honda CR-V Hybrid	2022	09/01/2021 to 09/08/2021	101
Honda Insight	2022	08/25/2021 to 09/09/2021	419
Honda Ridgeline	2021	09/01/2021 to 09/03/2021	352

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

The recall population was determined based on supplier and manufacturing records.

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

Supplier records indicate the suspect seat belt assemblies were limited to two production lots. Similar vehicles not included in the recall were equipped with seat belt assemblies made to specification.

**Identification of affected component:**

Component: Second row center seat belt assembly  
Part No.: TBD  
Country of Origin: Mexico  
Manufacturer: Autoliv ASP, Inc.

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**Total number of potentially affected vehicles:** 4,346

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**Percentage of affected vehicles that contain the noncompliance:** 100%

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**Noncompliance description:**

The automatic locking retractor (ALR) function on the second row center seat belt assembly may improperly deactivate. If the seat belt webbing is pulled out to the end and the ALR deactivates, the seat belt webbing can retract or extend freely, preventing proper child seat restraint with the seat belt. ALR deactivation does not comply with the requirements FMVSS 208, Occupant Crash Protection, increasing the risk of injury to the child seat occupant.

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**Determination of noncompliance:**

September 2021

Routine factory quality inspections of new vehicles identified movement in the second row center seat belt after the seat belt webbing was pulled out to the end. The seat belt supplier was informed of this discovery and the supplier identified specific seat belt production lots where the material used by the Tier-2 supplier of the ALR lever was contaminated, which reduced the ALR lever holding force and resulted in improper ALR deactivation.

October 2021

The seat belt supplier confirmed the cause of the ALR lever contamination at a Tier-2 supplier.

November 11, 2021

Honda determined that a FMVSS noncompliance existed and decided to conduct a noncompliance recall.

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**Program for remedying the noncompliance:**

Registered owners of all affected vehicles will be contacted by mail and asked to take their vehicle to an authorized Honda dealer. The dealer will replace the second row center seat belt assembly with a new assembly 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 estimated date to start notification to dealers:** November 19, 2021

**The estimated date to start notifications to owners:** January 17, 2022

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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 communications 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:** ABS, BBT, NBQ, RBR