

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

# 22V-950

**Manufacturer Name :** Honda (American Honda Motor Co.)**Submission Date :** DEC 22, 2022**NHTSA Recall No. :** 22V-950**Manufacturer Recall No. :** GCW**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 : 19

Estimated percentage with defect : 95 %

**Vehicle Information :**

Vehicle 1 : 2022-2022 Acura TLX

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : 4-DOOR

Power Train : GAS

**Descriptive Information :** The recall population was determined based on supplier and manufacturing records. The production range reflects all possible vehicles that could experience the problem.

Production Dates : SEP 01, 2022 - SEP 01, 2022

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

 Not sequential**Description of Defect :**

**Description of the Defect :** According to Part 573 DIR notification 22T-021 filed by Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations, LLC (BATO), BATO has determined that the tires equipped on a small number of Acura TLX vehicles may have sustained cuts/tears to the bead area during their tire sorting and loading process. The cuts/tears can expose body ply cords or bead wires, which could cause the tire to lose air or lead to damage within the tire.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

**Description of the Safety Risk :** According to Part 573 DIR notification 22T-021 filed by BATO, if the tire sustained cuts/tears to the bead area, over time air and moisture could damage the tire's belts or bead wires. As a result, the tire could deflate rapidly, potentially leading to a loss of vehicle control, increasing the risk of a crash or injury.

**Description of the Cause :** According to Part 573 DIR notification 22T-021 filed by BATO, a protective plastic "shoe", at the base of a robotic arm used to unstack tires (depalletizer), rotated out of position. This exposed a sharp edge on the robotic arm of the depalletizer to the inside of certain tires. The bead areas of a small quantity of tires may have been cut by this edge during the unstacking process.

**Identification of Any Warning that can Occur :** According to Part 573 DIR notification 22T-021 filed by BATO, tires with cuts/tears in the bead area could lose air. Vehicles equipped with a Tire Pressure Monitoring System (TPMS) may detect and notify drivers of a loss of tire air pressure at higher-than-normal rates. If undetected, damage could progress over time and tires could exhibit noise, vibration, handling disturbance, sidewall bulges, and/or irregular tread wear.

## Involved Components :

**Component Name 1 :** Tire, 235/50R18 97V (BSA)

**Component Description :** Bridgestone Turanza EL440 235/50R18 97V

**Component Part Number :** 42751-TGV-A02

## Supplier Identification :

### Component Manufacturer

**Name :** Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations

**Address :** 200 4th Avenue South  
Nashville Tennessee 37201

**Country :** United States

## Chronology :

**August - October 2022**

BATO discovered tire damage occurred in their warehouse and had 1,051 tires for the Acura TLX returned from a subassembly vendor to investigate the issue. Only one of the returned tires was found to have damage.

**November 1, 2022**

Honda was informed by BATO certain tires for the 2022 Acura TLX may have damage to the bead area caused by the shipping/loading process and BATO intends to conduct a recall with NHTSA.

**November 3, 2022**

BATO notifies NHTSA of a potential tire defect involving Honda vehicles (22T-021).

**November 28, 2022**

Honda met with NHTSA to discuss defect notification 22T-021 and Honda's intent to file a Part 573 DIR on the issue.

December 2, 2022

Honda confirmed the VIN range of 2022 TLX vehicles which may have been equipped with the recalled tires.

December 15, 2022

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

As of December 15, 2022, Honda has not received any warranty claims, field reports, nor reports of injuries or crashes related to this issue.

## Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : Registered owners of all affected vehicles will be contacted by mail and asked to take their vehicle to an authorized Acura dealer. The dealer will inspect all 4 tires and, if a tire is within the affected date range, replace it with a new tire.

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.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : Recalled tires may contain a cut/tear in the bead area of the tire. The remedy tires will not contain the potential bead cut/tear.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : Tire loading and unloading is now performed by a worker (human), rather than a robot.

## Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : NR

Planned Dealer Notification Date : DEC 23, 2022 - DEC 23, 2022

Planned Owner Notification Date : JAN 30, 2023 - JAN 30, 2023

\* NR - Not Reported