



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

ODI RESUME

Investigation: EA 21-001
Prompted by:
Date Opened: 05/06/2021
Investigator: Sharon Yukevich **Reviewer:** Tanya Topka
Approver: Stephen Ridella
Subject: Loss of Direction Control

MANUFACTURER & PRODUCT INFORMATION

Manufacturer: Honda (American Honda Motor Co.)
Products: 2013-2015MY Honda Accord
Population: 1,120,470 (Estimated)
Problem Description: Under normal driving conditions, with no warning or input from the driver, the vehicle may veer or jerk out of its intended path of travel

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	31	77	107**
Crashes/Fires:	2	0	0
Injury Incidents:	2	0	0
Fatality Incidents:	0	0	0
Other*:	1	0	0

*Description of Other: Defect petition - ODI Number 11349961

** Total eliminates duplicates received by ODI and manufacturer.

ACTION / SUMMARY INFORMATION

Action: Open Engineering Analysis

Summary:

The Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) received a petition dated October 19, 2020 requesting an investigation of an alleged defect in the steering system in Model Year (MY) 2013 Honda Accord vehicles. The petitioner alleges that MY2013 Honda Accord vehicles are experiencing a sudden loss of steering control as the vehicle veers from its intended path of travel. The petitioner further alleges that this deviation from the intended path of travel occurs without warning or driver input while operating the vehicle under normal driving conditions. The petition itself can be reviewed at NHTSA.gov under ODI Number 11349961.

On November 23, 2020 ODI opened a Defect Petition (DP20-005) to evaluate whether to grant or deny the petition. ODI sent two Information Request (IR) letters to Honda requesting information on steering anomalies in MY2013 Honda Accord vehicles and later in MY2014-2015 Honda Accord vehicles. ODI performed extensive analysis on the information obtained from Honda as well as information in NHTSA's databases.

Based on ODI's review of the applicable materials, including responses to IR letters sent to Honda, Vehicle Owner Questionnaires (VOQ) and Early Warning Reporting data, NHTSA has decided to grant the petition. ODI will open an Engineering Analysis (EA) to assess the scope, frequency and potential safety related consequences of the alleged defect, a sudden loss of steering control.

The ODI complaints cited above can be viewed at www.NHTSA.gov under the following ODI identification numbers: 11414105, 11406220, 11398736, 11387462, 11387075, 11387049, 11375580, 11364698, 11361125, 11351660, 11349961, 11327909, 11327170, 11324181, 11306112, 11301957, 11289067, 11282525, 11278511, 11277659,

11258017, 11256914, 11218752, 11208077, 11196050, 11194358, 11189901, 11165075, 11163481, 11156378,
11154891, 11131050