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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 23-005
Date Opened: 03/17/2023
Investigator: Stefanie Oldenburg **Reviewer:** Sharon Yukevich
Approver: Stephen Ridella
Subject: Momentary Increased Steering Effort

MANUFACTURER & PRODUCT INFORMATION

Manufacturer: Honda (American Honda Motor Co.)
Products: 2022-2023MY Honda Civic
Population: 238,271 (Estimated)
Problem Description: Vehicle steering can stick and cause a momentary increase in steering effort that could potentially cause overcorrection and an increased risk of a crash.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	145	0	145
Crashes/Fires:	0	0	0
Injury Incidents:	0	0	0
Fatality Incidents:	0	0	0
Other*:	0	Confidential	Confidential

*Description of Other: Early Warning Reporting (EWR) Field Reports

ACTION / SUMMARY INFORMATION

Action: Open this Preliminary Evaluation (PE)

Summary:

The Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) has received 145 complaints and several Early Warning Reporting (EWR) Field Reports alleging a momentary increase in steering effort in model year (MY) 2022 and 2023 Honda Civic vehicles. The complaints report that the momentary increase in steering effort (described as "sticky steering") occurs mostly at highway speeds after driving for a certain amount of time. The reports have been received over the past 11 months with most occurring with low vehicle mileage.

A momentary increase in steering effort may result in overcorrection or inability to avoid a road hazard. This could lead to an increased potential for a collision.

ODI is opening this Preliminary Evaluation (PE) to determine the scope and severity of the potential problem and to fully assess the potential safety-related issues.

The ODI reports cited above are available to review online at NHTSA.gov under ODI identification numbers:

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