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Dear Ms. Yukevich:

In reply to request #14 of your letter dated March 27, 2023 requesting certain information in support of ODI's open Preliminary Evaluation (PE23-005), Honda is providing the following information per the extension you granted until June 5, 2023. This includes amended responses to requests #11 and #12, which now include updated information to support our response to request #14.

Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. section 30166, please find below numbered responses to your information requests #11, #12, and #14:

11. Describe all assessments, analyses, tests, test results, studies, surveys, simulations, investigations, inquiries and/or evaluations (collectively, "actions") that relate to, or may relate to, the alleged defect in the subject and peer vehicles that have been conducted, are being conducted, are planned, or are being planned by, or for, Honda. For each such action, provide the following information:
 - a. Action title or identifier;
 - b. The actual or planned start date;
 - c. The actual or expected end date;
 - d. Summary of the subject and objective of the action;
 - e. Engineering group(s)/supplier(s) responsible for designing and for conducting the action; and
 - f. A summary of the findings and/or conclusions resulting from the action.

For each action identified, provide copies of all documents related to the action, regardless of whether the documents are in interim, draft, or final form. Organize the documents chronologically by action.

Response:

Please see contents of folder R11Amended in the attached .zip file for Honda's updated response to request #11.

Source: QIS Database

Last date the information was gathered: 5/26/2023

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12. Describe all modifications or changes made by, or on behalf of, Honda in the design, material composition, manufacture, quality control, supply, or installation of the subject system, from the start of production to date, which relate to, or may relate to, the alleged defect in the subject and peer vehicles. For each such modification or change, provide the following information:

- a. The date or approximate date on which the modification or change was incorporated into vehicle production;
- b. A detailed description of the modification or change;
- c. The reason(s) for the modification or change;
- d. The part number(s) (service and engineering) of the original system;
- e. The part number(s) (service and engineering) of the modified system;
- f. Whether the original unmodified system was withdrawn from production and/or sale, and if so, when;
- g. When the modified system was made available as a service system; and
- h. Whether the modified system can be interchanged with earlier production system.

Also, provide the above information for any modification or change that Honda is aware of which may be incorporated into vehicle production within the next 120 days.

Response:

Please see contents of folder R12 Amended in the attached .zip file for Honda's updated response to request #12.

Source: Drawing History

Last date the information was gathered: 5/31/2023

14. Furnish Honda's assessment of the alleged defect in the subject and peer vehicles, including:

- a. The causal or contributory factor(s);
- b. The failure mechanism(s);
- c. The failure mode(s);
- d. The risk to motor vehicle safety that it poses; and
- e. What warnings, if any, the operator, and the other persons both inside and outside the vehicle would have that the alleged defect was occurring, or subject component was malfunctioning; and
- f. The reports included with this inquiry.

Response:

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Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Attachments