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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

ODI RESUME

OFFICE OF DEFECTS INVESTIGATION



Investigation: RQ24006
Prompted By: Recall Remedy Review
Date Opened: 04/04/2024
Investigator: Sean A Hays **Reviewer:** Sharon Yukevich
Approver: Tanya Topka
Subject: Front Seat Belt Assemblies may be Missing the Rivet that Secures the Quick Connector and Wire Plate

MANUFACTURER & PRODUCT INFORMATION

Manufacturer: Honda (American Honda Motor Co.)
Products: 2023-2024 Honda Accord and Accord Hybrid, 2023-2024 Honda HR-V
Population: 389,253 (Estimated)

Problem Description: Seat belt assemblies missing the subject rivet may not properly restrain vehicle occupants during a collision.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	EWR D&I	Other	Total	EWR Field Reports
All Incidents:	0	0	0	0	0	CONF
Crashes/Fires:	0	0	0	0	0	0
Injury Incidents:	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of Injuries:	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fatality Incidents:	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of Fatalities:	0	0	0	0	0	0

ACTION/SUMMARY INFORMATION

Action: A Recall Query (RQ) has been opened.

Summary:

The Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) reviewed American Honda Motor Co.'s (Honda's) proposed remedy for recall 23V-782. ODI evaluated information from Honda concerning the recall remedy as well as Honda's assessment of the defect and the scope of vehicles involved.

Honda issued recall 23V-782 on November 21, 2023, which concerns certain model year (MY) 2023-2024 Honda Accord, Honda Accord Hybrid, and Honda HR-V vehicles. Recall 23V-782 states that the driver and front passenger seat belts may have been assembled without a rivet that secures the pretensioner quick connector and wire plate. Recall documentation states that seat belts missing a rivet will not properly restrain the occupant in the event of a collision, increasing the risk of injury. Subject defective components are

installed as original equipment for both the driver and front passenger positions for the HR-V, but only for the driver position for the Accord.

The recall remedy for 23V-782 states that the technician will inspect both front seat belts and, if necessary, replace them. To inspect the seat belts, the technician will utilize a pull force gauge to determine whether the subject component is missing the subject rivet and requires replacement. Parts requiring replacement are determined by whether the pretensioner quick connector separates from the pretensioner assembly while the technician is pulling on the seat belt. If no separation occurs, then the part is determined to be not defective and not require replacement.

ODI has not received any allegation of field incidents, with the subject defect, that resulted in injury or death.

ODI is opening this Recall Query (RQ) to evaluate the defect assessment and scope of recall 23V-782 as well as the recall inspection procedure.