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**National
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Traffic Safety
Administration**

OFFICE OF DEFECTS INVESTIGATION

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE25018

Prompted By: VOQ Review and EWR Field Report Review

Date Opened: 10/28/2025

Investigator: Sean A Hays

Reviewer: Sharon Yukevich

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Subject: Inadvertent Deployment of Side Air Bags

MANUFACTURER & PRODUCT INFORMATION

Manufacturer: Honda (American Honda Motor Co.)

Products: 2018-2022 Honda Odyssey

Population: 441,002

Problem Description: Inadvertent deployment of side air bags while the vehicle is in motion.

Inadvertent deployment of side air bags can cause injury or driver distraction leading to a collision.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	EWR D&I	Other	Total	EWR Field Reports
All Incidents:	18	0	1	0	19	CONF
Crashes/Fires:	0	0	0	0	0	0
Injury Incidents:	2	0	1	0	0	0
Number of Injuries:	2	0	1	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 Preliminary Evaluation (PE) has been opened.

Summary:

The Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) has received 18 complaints, and some Early Warning Reporting (EWR) field and death & injury reports alleging inadvertent air bag deployment. These inadvertent deployments relate to the side curtain and/or side thorax air bags in model year (MY) 2018-2022 Honda Odyssey vehicles manufactured by American Honda Motor Co. (Honda).

The complaints allege that the inadvertent deployments occurred while the vehicle was in motion. Consumers allege no warning prior to air bag deployment. Some allegations state that the deployment(s) occurred after traveling over a pothole or similar roadway feature. Inadvertent deployment of air bags while a vehicle is in motion can lead to injury of vehicle occupants or driver distraction, which may result in 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. To review the ODI reports cited in the Opening Resume ODI Report Identification Number document, go to [NHTSA.gov](https://www.nhtsa.gov).