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**Subject** Stop Sale/Safety Recall: 2015 Fit A-Pillar Garnish Inspection

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TO: All Honda Sales, Service & Parts Managers and Personnel  
FROM: American Honda Parts, Service & Technical Division, Campaign Administration  
RE: Stop Sale/Safety Recall: 2015 Fit A-Pillar Garnish Inspection

On July 30, 2014 Honda notified NHTSA of a **Stop Sale** order and **Safety Recall** for 6,292 2015 Fit vehicles. Any new or used vehicles in dealer stock must be inspected and, if necessary, repaired per S/B 14-048, *Safety Recall: Wrong A-Pillar Trim Is Installed* prior to sale. **Refer to the eResponsibility report or VIN Inquiry status to determine which vehicles in your inventory are affected.**

#### Problem

Due to an error during vehicle assembly, a small number of US-spec vehicles were produced with A-pillar trim pieces designed for vehicles without side curtain airbags. The A-pillar trim pieces without side curtain airbags have less retention force. In the event of a crash with subsequent side curtain airbag deployment, the clips with lower retention force may allow the trim piece to eject when the side curtain airbag deploys, increasing the risk of injury for vehicle occupants.

#### Repair

Affected vehicles require inspection of both the right and left A-pillar trim pieces. Any trim pieces that do not exhibit the "SIDE CURTAIN AIRBAG" stamp will be replaced with the correct US-spec part that includes the verbiage. All US-spec vehicles should bear the "SIDE CURTAIN AIRBAG" stamp on the A-pillar trim.

#### Parts

American Honda expects very few (less than 10) units will require replacement of one or both A-pillar trim pieces. Dealers will need to contact their facing part center to request a part. The part center analyst will ask for a photo of the garnish that is missing the "SIDE CURTAIN AIRBAG" stamp. After verifying the part is needed for the repair, an order will be placed on dealer's behalf. All replaced parts will be called back in to American Honda for validation through the Warranty System. Any parts found to have been replaced unnecessarily may lead to a debited claim.

#### Warranty

Warranty information is detailed in S/B 14-048, *Safety Recall: Wrong A-Pillar Trim Is Installed*.

#### Service Bulletin

In support of this recall, S/B 14-048 has been posted on ISIS as of July 31, 2014. It includes inspection, repair, parts, and warranty information related to this campaign.

#### Customer Notification

Honda expects to complete initial customer notification by the end of August 2014.

As always, make sure to check in VIN Inquiry status to determine if a vehicle is eligible for this recall.

Click [here](#) for a copy of service bulletin 14-048.

Click [here](#) for a copy of the Q&A File.