

Part 573 Safety Recall Report**15V-697****Manufacturer Name :** Honda (American Honda Motor Co.)**Submission Date :** OCT 22,2015**NHTSA Recall No. :** 15V-697**Manufacturer Recall No. :** JV8**Manufacturer Information :**

Manufacturer Name : Honda (American Honda Motor Co.)

Address : 1919 Torrance Blvd.

Torrance CA 90501

Company phone : 310-783-2000

Population :

Number of potentially involved : 25,367

Estimated percentage with defect : 100

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle : 2015-2015 Honda Fit

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : The recall population, LX trim level without sunroof, was determined based on manufacturing records. The VIN range reflects all possible vehicles that could potentially experience the problem.

Production Dates : APR 11, 2014 - MAY 21, 2015

VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range

Begin : 3HGGK5H5XFM705689

End : 3HGGK5H53FM787846

 Not sequential VINs

Vehicle : 2016-2016 Honda Fit

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : The recall population, LX trim level without sunroof, was determined based on manufacturing records. The VIN range reflects all possible vehicles that could potentially experience the problem.

Production Dates : MAY 21, 2015 - JUL 02, 2015

VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range

Begin : 3HGGK5H56GM700121

End : 3HGGK5H55GM701230

 Not sequential VINs**Description of Noncompliance :**

Description of the Noncompliance : Certain 2015-2016 model year Honda Fit vehicles were equipped with a rear grab rail brackets that were not manufactured to design

specifications. In the event of a collision, the rear grab rail brackets may interfere with side curtain airbag deployment, causing the vehicle to not comply with the requirements of FMVSS 214 and FMVSS 226.

FMVSS 1 :214 - Side impact protection

FMVSS 2 : 226 - Ejection mitigation

Description of the Safety Risk : Non-compliance with the requirements of FMVSS 214 and FMVSS 226 increases the risk of injury.

Description of the Cause : NR

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : NR

Supplier Identification :

Component Manufacturer

Name : Unipres Mexicana S.A. De. C.V.

Address : Av. Japon No.128. Parque Industrial

San Francisco San Francisco De Los Romo FOREIGN STATES 20300

Country : Mexico

Chronology :

July – August 2013

Testing was performed using a pre-production rear grab rail bracket (which meets drawing specifications) and showed compliance with FMVSS 226 and 214.

November 8, 2013

The die mold of the rear grab rail bracket was shipped to Honda de Mexico (HDM) to be used for mass production.

January 2014

Vehicle begins mass production at HDM.

July 13, 2015

During testing by Honda Motor Co., Ltd. (HMC), in Japan using mass production parts, a unit fails a production verification test of the side curtain airbag.

July 14, 2015

HMC shares the test results with HDM.

August 20-29, 2015

Honda and the side curtain airbag supplier perform side curtain airbag tests with the mass-production bracket installed, with no negative results.

September 18-20, 2015

Honda and the side curtain airbag supplier perform further side curtain airbag tests with the mass-production bracket installed. The tests resulted in a failure (the side curtain airbag was punctured).

October 15, 2015

HMC made the determination that a defect related to motor vehicle safety exists and decided to conduct a safety recall.

As of October 15, 2015 American Honda has not received any warranty claims, field reports, crash or injury allegations related to this issue.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : The owners of all affected vehicles will be contacted by mail and asked to take their vehicle to a Honda automobile dealer. The dealer will replace the rear grab rail bracket with one that has felt applied to prevent a puncture to the side curtain airbag, free of charge. Because the new vehicle warranty on all affected vehicles would have provided a free repair for the problem addressed by this recall, without any payment by the owner, reimbursement for pre-notification repairs will not be offered.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : NR

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : NR

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : NR

Planned Dealer Notification Date : OCT 23, 2015 - OCT 23, 2015

Planned Owner Notification Date : DEC 04, 2015 - DEC 04, 2015

* NR - Not Reported