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## <u>Statement by American Honda Regarding Third Row Seatbelt Inspection Recall:</u> 2016 Honda Pilot

- Only twenty 2016 Pilot vehicles in customer hands require inspection at the time of this announcement
- Third row seatbelts will be inspected and, if needed, repositioned
- No related crashes or injuries have been reported

TORRANCE, Calif. – July 16, 2015 – Honda will voluntarily recall fewer than 1,700 model-year 2016 Pilot vehicles in the United States to inspect, and, if needed, reposition the third row seatbelts, free of charge. However, because only 269 of these new vehicles actually had been delivered to owners before Honda notified NHTSA and an inspection and repair process was available to dealers, Honda was able to quickly contact affected owners to schedule an inspection, and only 20 customer vehicles still require an inspection as of the date of this statement. Any vehicles in transit from the factory or in inventory at a Honda dealer have been or will be inspected and, if needed, repaired prior to sale.

During assembly of the third row seat and seatbelt, it is possible that the rear (third row) seatbelts could be trapped between the rear seat and the interior side panel. If a rear seatbelt is trapped, any occupant using the seatbelt may not be properly restrained in the event of a crash, increasing the risk of injury. No crashes or injuries have been reported related to this issue, which was discovered during factory quality inspections.

Honda is announcing this recall to encourage the owners of the 20 remaining affected vehicles to take them to an authorized dealer as soon as possible for inspection and, if needed, repair. All affected vehicles are eligible for inspection now, and owners of a 2016 Pilot can determine if their vehicles require inspection by going to <u>www.recalls.honda.com</u> or by calling (800) 999-1009, and selecting option 4. Mailed notification to owners of any remaining uninspected vehicles will occur within 60 days.

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