

DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT

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Name of manufacturer: Honda Manufacturing of Alabama, LLC (HMA)

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Torrance, CA 90501-2746

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<u>Make/Model</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>VIN Range/Dates of Manufacture</u>
Honda Odyssey	Certain 2018 model year	5FNRL6H75JB000033 - 5FNRL6H75JB010805 May 9, 2017 – June 1, 2017

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Identification of affected component:

Component: Third Row Center Seat Belt Assembly
Part No.: 04829-THR-A00ZA
Country of Origin: Mexico
Manufacturer: Autoliv Safety Technology, Inc.
Contact Name: Eric Swanson
Address: Calle Aguila Coronada No. 2000
Parque Industrial Bajamaq,
El Aguila Tijuana, BC CP 22215
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Total number of potentially affected vehicles: 3,927

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Percentage of affected vehicles that contain the defect: Unknown

Description of the basis for the determination of the recall population:

The recall population was determined based on manufacturing records. The VIN range reflects all possible vehicles that could potentially experience the problem.

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Defect description:

Third row seat belts use different seat belt tongues for the outer seating positions and the center seating position. During third row center seat belt assembly, the supplier erroneously installed outer seat belt tongues onto center seat belt assemblies. When an outer seat belt tongue is inserted in a center seat belt buckle, the seat belt will not latch and therefore will be noncompliant with FMVSS No. 208, Occupant crash protection. In the event of a crash, an unlatched seatbelt may increase the risk of injury to the seat occupant.

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Chronology:

- May 31, 2017 Honda received a field report that the third row center seat belt will not buckle.
- June 2017 Honda launched an investigation into this occurrence. The investigation revealed that when the supplier switched from third row outer seat belt assembly to third row center seat belt assembly, outer seat belt tongues were used to assemble center seat belts.
- June 22, 2017 Honda completed its investigation and determined that an FMVSS non-compliance exists and decided to conduct a non-compliance safety recall.
- Honda has received two field reports, one warranty claims, and no reports of injuries or crashes related to this issue.

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Program for remedying the defect:

Registered owners of all affected vehicles will be contacted by mail and asked to take their vehicle to a Honda automobile dealer. The dealer will inspect the third row center seat belt for the correct tongue and, if necessary, replace the seat belt 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.

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The estimated date to start notification to dealers: June 23, 2017
The estimated date to start notifications to owners: July 24, 2017

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Representative copies of all notices, bulletins and other communications:

A copy of the dealer service bulletin, the final customer notification letter and other dealer communication will be submitted to your office as soon as possible.

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Proposed owner notification letter submission:

A draft of the owner notification letter will be submitted to your office as soon as possible.

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Manufacturer's campaign number: KF7