OMB Control No.: 2127-0004

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

## 18V-266

**Manufacturer Name:** Honda (American Honda Motor Co.)

**Submission Date:** JUN 14, 2018 **NHTSA Recall No.:** 18V-266 **Manufacturer Recall No.:** E1D, U1B, X1C



#### **Manufacturer Information:**

Manufacturer Name: Honda (American Honda Motor Co.)

Address: 1919 Torrance Blvd.

Torrance CA 90501

Company phone: 1-888-234-2138

### **Population:**

Number of potentially involved : 69 Estimated percentage with defect : 100 %

#### **Vehicle Information:**

Vehicle 1: 2017-2017 Honda Civic Hatchback

Vehicle Type :
Body Style :
Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information: The recall population was determined based on dealership service parts records. The

VIN range reflects all possible vehicles that could potentially experience the problem. Affected vehicles had non-compliant replacement service parts installed. Similar vehicles not included in the recall were originally equipped with compliant front

seatback pads.

Production Dates: AUG 02, 2016 - JUL 27, 2017

VIN Range 1: Begin: SHHFK7H51HU200782 End: SHHFK7H44HU430081 Not sequential

Vehicle 2: 2017-2017 Honda Civic Type R

Vehicle Type : Body Style : Power Train : NR

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VIN range reflects all possible vehicles that could potentially experience the problem. Affected vehicles had non-compliant replacement service parts installed. Similar vehicles not included in the recall were originally equipped with compliant front

seatback pads.

Production Dates: APR 07, 2017 - APR 07, 2017

#### **Description of Noncompliance:**

Description of the Driver and front passenger seatback pads sold as replacement service parts

Noncompliance : were made without slit openings for the seat-mounted side airbags. In the

event of a crash necessitating airbag deployment, the seatback pad would

interfere and adversely affect airbag performance.

FMVSS 1: 214 - Side impact protection

FMVSS 2: NR

Description of the Safety Risk: Adverse airbag performance does not comply with the requirements of

FMVSS No. 214, Side impact protection, increasing the risk of injury to the

seated occupant.

Description of the Cause: NR

Identification of Any Warning NR

that can Occur:

#### **Supplier Identification:**

#### **Component Manufacturer**

Name: TS Tech UK Ltd.

Address: Blackworth Industrial Estate Highworth

Swindon FOREIGN STATES SN6 7NA

Country: United Kingdom

#### **Chronology:**

November 2017

A dealer reported to Honda that a replacement front seatback pad from service parts inventory was missing a slit for the seat-mounted side airbag. Honda launched an investigation into the seat manufacturing process.

December 2017

The investigation revealed that service part drawings inadvertently did not include a slit for the front seatback pads.

January to April 2018

Airbag testing and analysis using non-slitted front seatback pads was conducted to determine its effect on occupant protection. It was confirmed that the seatback pad interferes with airbag deployment, resulting in adverse airbag performance and potential FMVSS non-compliance. Honda also investigated the range of potentially affected vehicles through service parts records.

April 19, 2018

Honda completed the investigation and determined that FMVSS non-compliance exists and decided to conduct a non-compliance recall.

As of April 19, 2018 Honda has not received any warranty claims, field reports, or reports of injuries related to this non-compliance.

#### **Description of Remedy:**

Description of Remedy Program : 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

replace the front seatback pad(s) for free.

How Remedy Component Differs Front Seatback Pad (Left and Right), Front Seatback Pad, Part no. 81127-

from Recalled Component: TGG-A41, 81127-TGG-A61, 81127-TGH-A01,

81527-TGG-A51, 81527-TGG-A91, 81527-TGH-A01

Identify How/When Recall Condition NR

was Corrected in Production:

#### **Recall Schedule:**

Description of Recall Schedule: Dealer notification is scheduled to begin on or about 4/27/2018. Owner

notification is scheduled to begin on or about 6/15/2018.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : APR 27, 2018 - NR Planned Owner Notification Date : JUN 15, 2018 - NR

\* NR - Not Reported