

AMENDED DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT
Recall ID Number 18V-600
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Honda is amending Defect Information Report 18V-600 to include additional information in the Chronology.

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Chronology:

December 2017

Honda received the first claim of a fuel leak. The failed fuel tank was returned to the supplier and an investigation was launched to determine the root cause of the failure.

February to March 2018

Honda received three additional claims of a fuel leak.

April 2, 2018

The fuel tank supplier informed Honda that the weld specifications for melt depth and pressed-in amount could not be controlled. As a precautionary measure, Honda placed all vehicles at the manufacturing facility on hold, which included vehicles manufactured from March 6, 2018 onward.

April 5, 2018

The supplier improved the clamp settings for the jig securing the fuel tanks to ensure stability during welding.

April 16, 2018

The supplier improved the alignment of the heater that welds the coupler to the fuel tank.

May 2018

The investigation of failed parts returned from the field confirmed that the heater used to weld the coupler was set at a slight angle, resulting in insufficient welding to certain sections of the fuel tank.

June 27, 2018

The fuel tank supplier informed Honda that prior to the process quality improvement implemented in April 2018, the jigs used during fuel tank welding were unable to secure the fuel tanks, resulting in additional welding variation.

July to August 2018

Honda continued investigating the potential consequences of an inappropriately welded fuel tank and the range of potentially affected vehicles.

August 30, 2018

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

As of August 30, 2018 Honda has received three warranty claims, and no field reports or reports of fires or injuries related to this issue.