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Statement by American Honda Regarding Missing Welds Recall: 2019-2020 Honda Pilot and 2019 Honda Passport

- **10 vehicles are affected in the United States; all have now been inspected under the recall**
- **No further customer notification needed or planned**
- **No reports of related crashes or injuries; issue discovered during factory inspection**

TORRANCE, Calif. – Nov. 8, 2019 – American Honda will voluntarily recall ten model-year 2019-2020 Honda Pilot and 2019 Passport vehicles in the United States to address missing metal welds in the front upper frame members. Each of these vehicles was inspected prior to this recall announcement. Only three affected vehicles, all 2019 Pilots, were delivered to customers prior to the discovery of this issue, and each of those was inspected and appropriate welds were found with no further action required. The remaining seven vehicles were in dealer inventory, and two vehicles still in dealer inventory were discovered with missing welds. Those vehicles will be replaced with new vehicles, for free.

This recall was precipitated by an error introduced into the programming of a robotic welder, deactivating certain required spot welds on the front upper frame members for the first vehicle passing through the welder after it was tested and reactivated. This error occurred multiple times over several weeks before its discovery at the factory. A vehicle without these spot welds may not meet Honda standards for front crash performance if a crash were to occur, increasing the risk of injury to occupants. Additionally, vehicles missing these welds may not comply with federal regulations (FMVSS 208 and 219). Honda has received no reports of crashes or injuries related to this issue.

As noted above, all affected vehicles were inspected prior to this recall announcement. Thus, Honda does not plan mailed notification for this recall. Owners of these models can confirm their vehicles' recall status by visiting www.recalls.honda.com or by calling (888) 234-2138.