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March 11, 2021

Mr. Jeffrey Giuseppe
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Attn: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Part 573, Defect Information Report
2019 – 2020 Model Year Honda Passport and Pilot
OE Tire

Dear Mr. Giuseppe:

In accordance with the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act and 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance and Responsibility Reports, Honda is submitting the enclosed Defect Information Report regarding a safety recall expansion of certain 2019 – 2020 model year Honda Passport and Pilot vehicles to address a defect with the original equipment tire.

If you have any questions about this report, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO., INC.



Jeff Chang
Senior Manager
Product Regulatory Office

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Defect Information Report

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Name of manufacturer: Honda Manufacturing of Alabama, LLC

Manufacturer's agent: Jeff Chang
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Identification of potentially affected vehicles:

<u>Make/Model</u>	<u>Model Year</u>	<u>Dates of Manufacture</u>	<u>Number of Vehicles</u>
Honda Passport	2019	05/20/2019 to 10/18/2019	214
Honda Passport	2020	10/22/2019	1
Honda Pilot	2019	05/20/2019 to 05/23/2019	183
Honda Pilot	2020	08/07/2019 to 10/24/2019	695

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

The recall population was determined based on supplier and manufacturing records.

Description of how the vehicles being recalled differ from similar vehicles not included in the recall:

According to the tire defect notification 21T-001 filed by Continental Tire the Americas, LLC (CTA), a total of 3,093 potentially affected tires with the following tire identification numbers were applied to potentially affected vehicles:

TIN Plant / Size Code	TIN Type Code	DOT Week	Mold Number
A376	D3K9	1719	412681 or 412688
		2719	408205 or 412689
		3119	408204
		3319	412692
		3819	
		3919	

Of the 3,093 potentially affected tires, supplier production records identified only seven tires potentially subject to over-curing. Based on tire identification numbers, shipping records narrowed these seven tires down to five shipping trailers. The vendor responsible for wheel assembly (wheel, tire, and TPMS) maintained records for the tire DOT code during receiving, and separately the TPMS ID number during assembly. These records indicate that the seven over-cured tires received from the supplier were limited to 20 lots of wheel assemblies that were shipped to Honda. Each wheel assembly lot is designated for 72 vehicles, so the overall scope is 1,440 vehicles. Using the TPMS ID numbers, Honda determined that these wheel assemblies

were installed on 1,215 Honda Passport and Pilot vehicles, of which 1,093 were U.S. market vehicles. Supplier and vendor records also indicated that only 99 of these wheel assemblies match the suspect DOT tire identification number and mold number, so the tire replacement remedy will be limited to these 99 wheel assemblies.

Identification of affected component:

Component: CrossContact LX Sport 245/50R20 102 H
Part No.: 42751-TG7-A24, 42751-TG7-Y20
Country of Origin: U.S.
Manufacturer: Continental Tire the Americas, LLC

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Total number of potentially affected vehicles: 1,093

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Percentage of affected vehicles that contain the defect: 9%

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Defect description:

According to defect notification 21T-001 filed by CTA, certain affected tires have an over-cure condition. Affected tires may experience a carcass break in the sidewall with sudden air loss or could develop a belt edge separation that could lead to a partial or full tread/belt loss. These conditions increase the risk of a crash or injury. The tires may exhibit visible localized tread wear that may manifest as excessive vibration and/or bulging in the tread area, which could serve as a possible warning to owners.

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Chronology:

November 13, 2020

Based on tire defect notification 20T-018, Honda determined that a defect related to motor vehicle safety existed and decided to conduct a safety recall (NHTSA ID no. 20V-725).

February 15, 2021

The supplier submitted tire defect notification 21T-001 and notified Honda of additional suspect tires.

March 4, 2021

Honda determined that a defect related to motor vehicle safety existed and decided to expand the safety recall to include additional vehicles.

As of February 24, 2021, Honda has not received any warranty claims, field reports, nor 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 an authorized Honda dealer. The dealer will inspect all four tires and replace tires with the affected DOT tire identification number and mold number for free. Owners who have paid to have these repairs completed at their own expense will be eligible for reimbursement, in accord with the recall reimbursement plan on file with NHTSA.

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The estimated date to start notification to dealers: March 12, 2021

The estimated date to start notifications to owners: April 19, 2021

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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 communications will be submitted to your office as soon as possible.

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: UA2