



U.S. Department of Transportation  
**National Highway Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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NEF-107ES  
23V-158

**Subject:** Seat Belt Buckle May Not Latch

Dear Nancy Stone:

This letter serves to acknowledge Honda (American Honda Motor Co.)'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

**Makes/Models/Model Years:**

ACURA/RDX/2019-2020  
HONDA/ACCORD/2018-2019  
HONDA/ACCORD HYBRID/2018-2019  
HONDA/CR-V/2017-2020  
HONDA/INSIGHT/2019  
HONDA/ODYSSEY/2018-2020

**Mfr's Report Date:** March 9, 2023

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 23V-158

**Components:**

SEAT BELTS:FRONT:BUCKLE ASSEMBLY

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 448,613

**Problem Description:**

Honda (American Honda Motor Co.) is recalling certain 2017-2020 CR-V, 2018-2019 Accord and Accord Hybrid, 2018-2020 Odyssey, 2019 Insight, and 2019-2020 Acura RDX vehicles. A manufacturing issue with the front seat belts may cause the seat belt buckle channel to interfere with the release button, preventing the seat belt buckle from latching.

**Consequence:**

An unlatched seat belt cannot properly restrain the seat occupant during a crash, increasing their risk of injury.

**Remedy:**

Dealers will replace the driver and front passenger seat belt buckle release buttons or the buckle assemblies as necessary, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed April 17, 2023. Owners may contact Honda customer service at 1-888-234-2138. Honda's numbers for this recall are NDA, QDB, BDC, MDD, LD9, TDF, FDG, ODH, YDI, ZDE.



**Notes:**

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to [www.nhtsa.gov](http://www.nhtsa.gov).

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of eight consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Honda (American Honda Motor Co.)'s contact for this recall will be Emily C. Smith who may be reached by email at [emily.c.smith@dot.gov](mailto:emily.c.smith@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Alex Ansley  
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Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement