#### OMB Control No.: 2127-0004

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

# 24V-184

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

Submission Date: MAR 07, 2024 NHTSA Recall No.: 24V-184 Manufacturer Recall No.: LHY



#### **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: 245 Estimated percentage with defect: 1 %

#### **Vehicle Information:**

Vehicle 1: 2023-2023 Honda Passport

Vehicle Type: LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style: SUV Power Train: GAS

Descriptive Information: The recall population was determined based on manufacturing records. The

production range reflects all possible vehicles that could experience the problem.

Production Dates: SEP 21, 2023 - SEP 22, 2023

VIN Range 1 : Begin : NR End : NR Not sequential

Vehicle 2: 2023-2023 Honda Ridgeline

Vehicle Type: LIGHT VEHICLES Body Style: PICKUP TRUCK

Power Train: GAS

Descriptive Information: The recall population was determined based on manufacturing records. The

production range reflects all possible vehicles that could experience the problem.

Production Dates: SEP 21, 2023 - SEP 22, 2023

VIN Range 1 : Begin : NR End : NR Not sequential

#### **Description of Defect:**

Description of the Defect: The inner ball joint housing may not have been fastened to the correct torque

specification, resulting in a loose inner ball joint housing that can detach from

the steering rack.

FMVSS 1: NR FMVSS 2: NR

Description of the Safety Risk: If the inner ball joint housing detaches from the steering rack, the ability to

steer the vehicle as intended can be affected, increasing the risk of a crash or

injury.

Description of the Cause: Due to a lack of maintenance to the steering gearbox workbench (pallet &

clamps), the steering gearbox was improperly secured to the workbench, triggering an alarm during the tightening procedure. To subvert the alarm, the operator inappropriately performed the procedure by applying the torque

wrench to the torque analyzer rather than the part itself.

Identification of Any Warning Abnormal noise and/or vibration from the steering system.

that can Occur:

#### **Involved Components:**

Component Name 1: Gearbox Assembly: Steering (Rack and Pinion)

Component Description: Gearbox Assembly: Steering (Rack and Pinion)

Component Part Number: 53400-T6Z-A010-M1

### **Supplier Identification:**

#### **Component Manufacturer**

Name: NSK Steering Systems Americas-Dyersburg

Address: 2962 Fort Hudson Rd

**Dyersburg Tennessee 38024** 

**Country: United States** 

#### **Chronology:**

**September 22, 2023** 

Three vehicles with steering issues were found at the Honda Alabama Auto Plant. Honda began to investigate the issue.

February 6, 2024

Honda investigated and analyzed the suspected population of vehicles.

March 1, 2024

Honda determined that a defect related to motor vehicle safety existed and decided to conduct a safety recall.

As of March 1, 2024, Honda has not received any warranty claims, reports of injuries or deaths related to this issue.

## **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 an authorized Honda dealer. The dealer will inspect and, if necessary, replace the steering gearbox with a non-defective

part.

Owners who have paid to have these repairs completed at their own

expense may be eligible for reimbursement, in accord with the recall

reimbursement plan on file with NHTSA.

How Remedy Component Differs The remedy components are properly assembled with the correct

from Recalled Component: fastening procedures.

Identify How/When Recall Condition The supplier inspected and repaired the steering gearbox workbenches

was Corrected in Production: (pallet and clamps) on September 24, 2023, initiated pre-shift workbench

inspections, and improved operator training.

#### **Recall Schedule:**

Description of Recall Schedule: Dealer notification is scheduled to begin and end on or about 3/8/2024.

Owner notification is scheduled to begin and end on or about 4/15/2024.

Planned Dealer Notification Date: MAR 08, 2024 - MAR 08, 2024

Planned Owner Notification Date: APR 15, 2024 - APR 15, 2024

<sup>\*</sup> NR - Not Reported