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National Highway
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Part 573 Safety Recall Report

26V146

Manufacturer Name: Honda (American Honda Motor Co.)

Submission Date: Mar 12, 2026

NHTSA Recall No.: 26V146

Manufacturer Recall No.: KUO

Manufacturer Information

Population

Manufacturer Name: Honda (American Honda Motor Co.)

Address: 1919 Torrance Blvd.
Torrance CA, 90501

Total number of potentially involved: 19,406

Estimated percentage with defect: 0.1%

Vehicle Information

Vehicle 1: 2025-2025 Honda CMX500

Product Category: Motorcycles

Product Type: Motorcycles

Fuel / Propulsion: Compression Ignition Fuel

Production Dates: Jan 17, 2025 - Feb 25, 2025

Number of potentially involved: 3,320

Descriptive Information:

The recall population was determined based on manufacturing records. The production range reflects all possible vehicles that could experience the problem.

Vehicle 2: 2025-2025 Honda CMX300

Product Category: Motorcycles

Product Type: Motorcycles

Fuel / Propulsion: Compression Ignition Fuel

Production Dates: Nov 26, 2024 - Feb 26, 2026

Number of potentially involved: 2,357

Descriptive Information:

The recall population was determined based on manufacturing records. The production range reflects all possible vehicles that could experience the problem.

Vehicle 3: 2023-2025 Honda CL500

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Product Category: Motorcycles

Product Type: Motorcycles

Fuel / Propulsion: Compression Ignition Fuel

Production Dates: Mar 21, 2023 - Feb 27, 2025

Number of potentially involved: 2,867

Descriptive Information:

The recall population was determined based on manufacturing records. The production range reflects all possible vehicles that could experience the problem.

Vehicle 4: 2023-2024 HONDA CMX500

Product Category: Motorcycles

Product Type: Motorcycles

Fuel / Propulsion: Compression Ignition Fuel

Production Dates: Dec 03, 2022 - Jul 03, 2024

Number of potentially involved: 7,312

Descriptive Information:

The recall population was determined based on manufacturing records. The production range reflects all possible vehicles that could experience the problem.

Vehicle 5: 2023-2024 HONDA CMX300

Product Category: Motorcycles

Product Type: Motorcycles

Fuel / Propulsion: Compression Ignition Fuel

Production Dates: Dec 22, 2022 - Jul 07, 2024

Number of potentially involved: 3,550

Descriptive Information:

The recall population was determined based on manufacturing records. The production range reflects all possible vehicles that could experience the problem.

Defect / Noncompliance Description

Description of the defect or noncompliance:

The handlebar lock screw can loosen and fall between the frame and stem.

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FMVSS1:

FMVSS2:

Description of the safety risk, including crash, fire, death, injury:

If the screw falls between the frame and stem, it may interfere with steering operation, increasing the risk of a crash or injury.

Description of the cause:

The work instructions for the screw tightening process were unclear and did not specify the proper method for tightening a one-way Phillips screw, including the need to apply sufficient axial force. In addition, following a change in the process trainer, the instruction to use both hands to apply axial force was omitted, and the tightening operation was performed with the tool tilted rather than perpendicular to the screw. As a result, the screw may not have been tightened to the specified torque.

Identification of any warning that can occur:

Component Manufacturer

Tier of Supplier: Tier 1

Supplier Type: OEM

Name: Thai Honda Manufacturing Co., Ltd.

Address: 410 Ladkrabang Industrial Estate
Chalongkrung Rd.
Lamplatu, Ladkrabang, Foreign States, 10520

Country: Thailand

Involved Components

Component Name 1: SCREW, FLAT 6x16

Component Description: SCREW, FLAT 6x16

Component Part Number: 90164-GGK-003

Chronology

March 11, 2025

Honda received a report of the issue and began to investigate.

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March 13, 2025

Honda received report of an incident and continued to investigate the issue.

March 24, 2025

Honda received the part from the incident and continued to investigate the issue.

July 22, 2025

Honda was unable to reproduce loosening of the screw through vibration testing and continued to investigate the issue.

August 20, 2025

Honda suspected insufficient torque as a potential cause of the issue and continued to investigate.

October 20, 2025

Honda confirmed there were no issues with the specifications of the screw and focused its investigation on insufficient tightening torque.

October 31, 2025

Honda investigated the potential safety impacts of the issue.

December 1, 2025

Honda began to investigate and analyze the potential affected vehicle population.

March 5, 2026

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

As of March 5, 2026, Honda has had one warranty claim involving a fall with no report of injuries and no reports of a death related to this issue in the US, from January 17, 2017, through March 5, 2026.

Related NHTSA Recall Number:

Description of Remedy

Remedy Type: Repair

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Consumer Advisories: Do Not Drive Park Outside

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 Powersports dealer. The dealer will replace the handlebar lock screw and apply a thread-locking agent with the proper procedure.

How remedy component differs from recalled component:

The remedy component is the same as the recalled component. The component's installation procedure has been improved.

Identify how/when recall condition was corrected in production:

The recall condition was corrected in production on September 22, 2025.

Reimbursement Plan

Manufacturer used general reimbursement plan on file.

Recall Schedule

Description of recall schedule:

Dealer notification began and ended on or about 3/6/2026. Owner notification is scheduled to begin and end on or about 5/8/2026.

Planned Dealer Notification Date: Mar 06, 2026 - Mar 06, 2026 No Dealers

Planned Interim Owner Notification Date: No Owners

Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date: May 08, 2026 - May 08, 2026 Phased Recall

Date when VIN will be searchable: