U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Safety Recall Report 26V500

Manufacturer Name: Honda (American Honda Motor Co.)
Submission Date: Jul 30, 2026
NHTSA Recall No.: 26V500
Manufacturer Recall No.: KU8

Manufacturer Information

Manufacturer Name: Honda (American Honda Motor Co.)

Address: 1919 Torrance Blvd.
Torrance CA, 90501

Population

Total number of potentially involved: 43,913

Estimated percentage with defect: 100%

Vehicle Information

Vehicle 1: 2025-2025 Honda SCL500

Product Category: Motorcycles

Product Type: Motorcycles

Fuel / Propulsion: Spark Ignition Fuel

Production Dates: Mar 13, 2025 - Mar 31, 2025

Number of potentially involved: 545

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: 2017-2023 HONDA CMX500

Product Category: Motorcycles

Product Type: Motorcycles

Fuel / Propulsion: Spark Ignition Fuel

Production Dates: Jan 17, 2017 - Nov 25, 2022

Number of potentially involved: 23,948

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: 2019-2019 Honda CMX500

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Product Category: Motorcycles

Product Type: Motorcycles

Fuel / Propulsion: Spark Ignition Fuel

Production Dates: Oct 24, 2018 - Aug 19, 2019

Number of potentially involved: 4,221

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: 2025-2025 HONDA CMX500

Product Category: Motorcycles

Product Type: Motorcycles

Fuel / Propulsion: Spark Ignition Fuel

Production Dates: Mar 19, 2025 - May 23, 2025

Number of potentially involved: 168

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: 2017-2023 HONDA CMX300

Product Category: Motorcycles

Product Type: Motorcycles

Fuel / Propulsion: Spark Ignition Fuel

Production Dates: Jan 17, 2017 - Nov 17, 2022

Number of potentially involved: 19,007

Descriptive Information:

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

Vehicle 6: 2025-2026 HONDA CMX300

Product Category: Motorcycles

Product Type: Motorcycles

Fuel / Propulsion: Spark Ignition Fuel

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Production Dates: Apr 08, 2025 - Sep 19, 2025

Number of potentially involved: 245

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.

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.

Improper management of the tightening tool during the assembly process was also identified as a contributing cause to the defect. Due to inadequate tool maintenance, the tightening tool bit became worn and was not replaced, resulting in inconsistent tightening torque of the handlebar lock screw.

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 Easte, Chalong Lamplatue, Ladkrabang, Foreign States, 10520

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Country: Thailand

Involved Components

Component Name 1: SCREW, FLAT 6x16

Component Description: SCREW, FLAT 6x16

Component Part Number: 90164-GGK-003

Chronology

March 5, 2026

Honda determined that a defect related to motor vehicle safety existed and decided to conduct a safety recall. (NHTSA ID 26V-146)

May 12, 2026

Honda received reports of the issue that occurred on vehicles outside of the initial recall population and began to investigate.

June 17, 2026

Honda received an additional report of the issue outside of the initial recall population and continued to investigate.

June 23, 2026

Honda investigated and analyzed the affected vehicle population.

July 23, 2026

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

As of July 23, 2026, Honda has had two warranty claims with no report of injuries and no reports of a death related to this issue in the US, from March 6, 2026, through July 23, 2026.

Related NHTSA Recall Number: 26V146

Description of Remedy

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Remedy Type: Repair

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 7/27/2026. Remedy owner notification is scheduled to begin and end on or about 9/21/2026 for owners of all models, except 2026MY CMX300 motorcycles. Interim owner notification is scheduled to begin and end on or about 9/21/2026 for owners of 2026MY CMX300 motorcycles.

Planned Dealer Notification Date: Jul 27, 2026 - Jul 27, 2026 ☐ No Dealers

Planned Interim Owner Notification Date: Sep 21, 2026 - Sep 21, 2026 ☐ No Owners

Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date: Sep 21, 2026 - Sep 21, 2026 ☐ Phased Recall

Date when VIN will be searchable: