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Safety Recall: Rear Grab Handle Brackets

This bulletin supersedes S/B 15-079, dated October 23, 2015, to include the Repair Procedure, Parts Information, and Warranty Claim Information

AFFECTED VEHICLES

Year	Model	Trim	VIN Range
2015–16	Fit	LX without moonroof	Check the iN VIN status for eligibility

BACKGROUND

Certain 2015–2016 model year Honda Fit vehicles were equipped with a rear grab rail bracket that was not manufactured to design specifications and may interfere with side curtain airbag deployment. In the event of a collision, if the side curtain airbag does not deploy as designed, the vehicle may fail to comply with the requirements of FMVSS 214, FMVSS 226, and the risk of injury is increased.

CUSTOMER NOTIFICATION

Owners of affected vehicles will be sent a notification of this campaign.

Do an iN VIN status inquiry to make sure the vehicle is shown as eligible.

Some vehicles affected by this campaign may be in your new or used vehicle inventory. These vehicles must be repaired before they are sold.

Should your dealership sell an unrepaired vehicle that subsequently causes injury or damage because of the recalled item, the dealership will be solely responsible to the damaged party, and will be required to defend and indemnify American Honda for any resulting claims. To see if a vehicle in inventory is affected by this recall, do a VIN status inquiry before selling it.

CORRECTIVE ACTION

Replace the rear grab handle brackets.

PARTS INFORMATION

Part Name	Part Number	Quantity
Grab Handle Kit (Includes counter-measured rear grab handle brackets [2], grab handle clips [8], grab handle caps type-A [4], grab handle caps type-B [4], A-pillar one-time use clips [2])	06830-T5R-A00	1

WARRANTY CLAIM INFORMATION

Operation Number	Description	Flat Rate Time	Defect Code	Symptom Code	Template ID	Failed Part Number
8571U0	Replace the two rear grab handle brackets.	1.5 hrs	6TN00	JV800	15-079A	83242-T5R-A00

Skill Level: Repair Technician

CUSTOMER INFORMATION: The information in this bulletin is intended for use only by skilled technicians who have the proper tools, equipment, and training to correctly and safely maintain your vehicle. These procedures should not be attempted by "do-it-yourselfers," and you should not assume this bulletin applies to your vehicle, or that your vehicle has the condition described. To determine whether this information applies, contact an authorized Honda automobile dealer.

REPAIR PROCEDURE

1. Lower the headliner. Refer to service information to remove the headliner.



HEADLINER

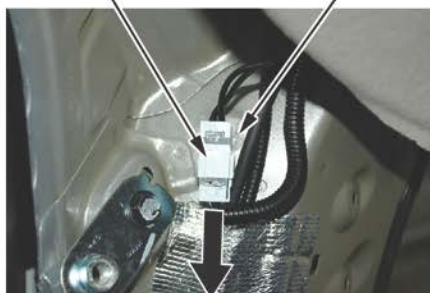
NOTE:

- You do not need to remove the headliner from the vehicle to replace the rear grab handle brackets.
- You only need to disconnect the AM/FM antenna connector at the back of the headliner to lower it enough to access the rear grab handle brackets. To remove the AM/FM antenna connector, slide it off the clip, then disconnect the connector.

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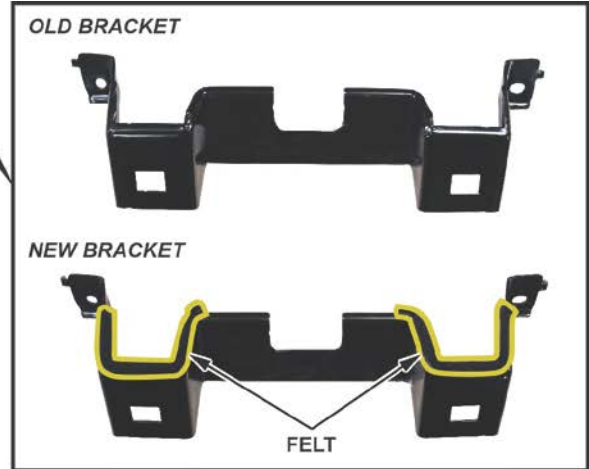
HEADLINER



REAR CONNECTOR

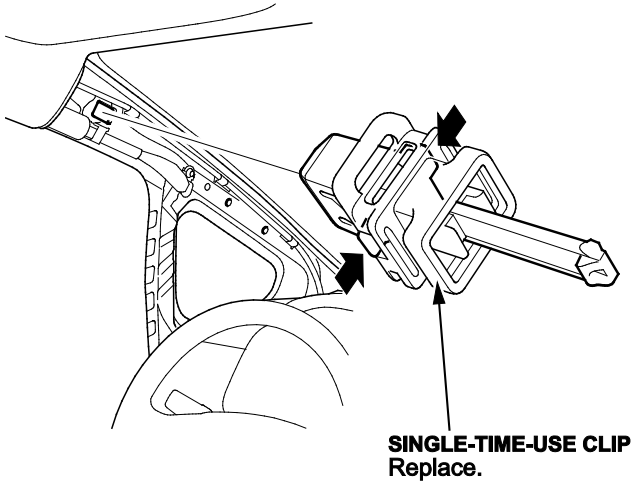
2. Replace the rear grab handle brackets and torque the bolts to **4.4 N·m (3.2 lb-ft)**.

NOTE: Make sure you install the new grab handle brackets in the correct direction.

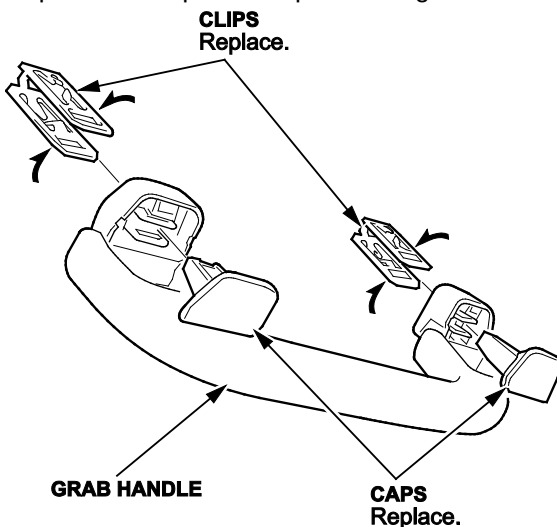


3. Install the headliner in the reverse order of disassembly and note the following:

- Replace the A-pillar clips because they are a single-time-use clip.



- Replace the caps and clips in all 4 grab handles.



- Inspect the pillar trims and replace if you see any of the following damage:
 - Cracks, deformations, or stress-whitened areas in the quarter pillar trim
 - Cracks or stress-whitened areas in the clip seating surfaces
 - If the clips are damaged or stress-whitened, replace them with new ones