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

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

# 24V-745

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

NHTSA Recall No.: 24V-745

Manufacturer Recall No.: HJR



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

#### **Vehicle Information:**

Vehicle 1: 2023-2023 Honda CR-V Hybrid

Vehicle Type: LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style: SUV

Power Train: HYBRID ELECTRIC

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: OCT 06, 2022 - JAN 24, 2023

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

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

Description of the Defect: Due to manufacturing variations, some battery cell negative terminals within

the Li-ion battery module were produced with inadequate copper cladding residual thickness, which can lead to fractured cladding that potentially allows the underlying aluminum to react with the battery's electrolyte and form an alloy. If the alloy formation sufficiently progresses, it can result in the battery

cell terminal or busbar breaking.

FMVSS 1: NR FMVSS 2: NR

Description of the Safety Risk: If the negative terminal or busbar breaks, users will be unable to drive the

vehicle. If the breakage occurs while the battery is energized, a spark may

occur, increasing the risk of a fire, crash, and/or injury.

Description of the Cause: Due to manufacturing variations in the clad material and terminal tube,

negative terminals with a thin copper residual thickness were produced. During the process that swags the terminals to the battery cell sealing plate, the copper ductile can fracture and a portion of the underlying aluminum can

become exposed. The exposed aluminum reacts with electrolyte in the battery cell, resulting in formation of a Li-Al alloy that can deteriorate the sealing

property at the swaging point and lead to further electrolyte leakage and alloying. When sufficient alloying occurs, it can result in the terminal or busbar breaking.

Identification of Any Warning NR that can Occur:

# **Involved Components:**

Component Name 1: SET, BATTERY MODULE

Component Description: SET, BATTERY MODULE

Component Part Number: 1D100-69F-A00

### **Supplier Identification:**

# **Component Manufacturer**

Name: Panasonic Automotive Systems Co., Ltd.

Address: 4-1-18 Odori

Utsunomiya Daido Life Building, 8th Floo Utsunomiya City Foreign States 320-0811

Country: Japan

# **Chronology:**

January 17-25, 2023

The battery module supplier reported to Honda that battery cell leakage was found during an inspection. Honda and the supplier began to investigate and analyze the issue.

February 13, 2023

The supplier initiated progress reports to Honda on the issue.

June 30, 2023

Honda conducted an initial evaluation of the cell leakage and found there was no concern of ignition by sparks from switches, gas poisoning, or electric shock.

January 17 – February 2, 2024

The supplier reported to Honda the possibility that the terminal may rupture; Honda continued to investigate the issue.

May 8, 2024

The supplier reported to Honda the possibility that the busbar may disconnect as a result of the leakage. Honda

incorporated the new information into it and continued analysis of the issue.

September 9, 2024

Honda further analyzed and evaluated the issue.

September 26, 2024

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

As of September 26, 2024, Honda has had no warranty claims, and no reports of injuries or deaths related to

## **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

replace the battery module with an improved 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 have increased copper residual thickness.

from Recalled Component:

Identify How/When Recall Condition The supplier implemented changes on November 30, 2023, to increase the

was Corrected in Production: copper residual thickness of the negative terminal by increasing the processing volume during the tube formation process and reducing the gas cushion pressure during the terminal press process. To further control residual thickness, the terminal's clad material processing has been

improved to reduce variations prior to swaging.

#### Recall Schedule:

Description of Recall Schedule : Dealer notification is scheduled to begin and end on or about 10/4/2024.

Owner notification is scheduled to begin and end on or about

11/27/2024.

Planned Dealer Notification Date: OCT 04, 2024 - OCT 04, 2024 Planned Owner Notification Date: NOV 27, 2024 - NOV 27, 2024

\* NR - Not Reported