

conduct research as a foundation for the development of motor vehicle standards and traffic safety programs.

Data from NHTSA's Fatality Analysis Reporting System show that an average of 3 children under the age of 14 died each day in traffic crashes in 2013 and an estimated 470 children were injured. Child restraint systems (CRSs) are effective at reducing the risk of injury during motor vehicle crashes. Research has shown a 28% reduction in risk of death for children (aged 2–6 years) compared to seat belts when CRSs are installed correctly. Studies have estimated rates of improper installation of CRSs to be in the range of 70–80 percent.

Many information resources are available to aid parents and caregivers with proper child restraint system selection and installation, including hands-on instruction. In 1998, NHTSA implemented a program for training and certifying child passenger safety technicians (CPSTs). Presently, Safe Kids Worldwide hosts Child Car Seat Inspection Stations nationwide which provide parents and caregivers an opportunity to receive one-on-one instruction regarding proper use and installation of child restraints from a certified CPST. Research has shown that hands-on instruction on CRS installation is effective in reducing misuse of seats. Unfortunately, this resource seems to be underutilized. Only about one out of ten drivers interviewed for the National Child Restraint Use Special Study (NCRUSS) reported having their CRS inspected at an inspection station.

At present, it is unclear what deters and what encourages use of Child Car Seat Inspection Stations and CPSTs. One potential barrier is parent/caregiver overconfidence leading to overconfident parents and caregivers not recognizing the need to visit an inspection station or CPST. One example of this is the NCRUSS where misuse was observed in 46% of cases, but where most drivers reported being confident or very confident that they chose the correct car seat/booster seat and installed the car seat/booster seat correctly. Potential barriers to use don't stop with overconfidence; they could also include logistical and practical matters, such as awareness and accessibility.

Identifying and better understanding the barriers that result in underutilization of inspection stations will allow NHTSA and other child passenger safety stakeholders to develop effective programs that promote and encourage use of this important life-saving resource.

*Description of the Likely Respondents (Including Estimated Number, and Proposed Frequency of Response to the Collection of Information)*—Under this proposed data collection, the potential respondent universe would be people aged 18 years or older who regularly transport children between the ages of 0 and 9 in their personal vehicles. NHTSA will send survey requests to a sufficient number of households to obtain 1,400 completed interviews. The requests will be sent via postal mail.

Respondents within a household would not be randomly selected. Rather, the screener would ask the member of the household who most frequently drives children to complete the survey. NHTSA considers this to be the person in the household most likely to seek CPS information and pursue CPS training at an inspection station, and therefore the most appropriate respondent for this survey. Each respondent would complete a single survey; there will be no request for additional follow-up information or response.

Throughout the project, the privacy of all participants would be protected. Access to the online instrument would be controlled using an alphanumeric PIN, with access restricted to using encrypted connection via Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) certificates. To protect the online instruments from break-in attempts, the public site would feature automatic access lockdown after too many unsuccessful login attempts are performed within a short amount of time. Similarly, once an interview is completed, the survey would no longer be accessible to respondents using their PINs. These two measures protect respondent responses from being compromised.

Personally-identifiable information such as the postal address of sample members would be kept separate from the data collected, and would be stored in restricted folders on secure password protected servers that are only accessible to study staff who have need to access such information. In addition, all data collected from respondents will be reported in aggregate, and identifying information would not be used in any reports resulting from this data collection effort. Rigorous de-identification procedures would be used during summary and feedback stages to prevent respondents from being identified through reconstructive means.

*Estimate of the Total Annual Reporting and Record Keeping Burden Resulting From the Collection of Information*—NHTSA estimates that the total respondent burden for this data

collection would be 942 hours. A sufficient number of invitation letters would be distributed for 7,000 potential respondents to log onto the Web site and take a 5 minute eligibility screener ( $7,000 * 5 \text{ minutes} = 35,000 \text{ minutes}/60 = 583 \text{ hours}$ ). Of those who take the eligibility screener, NHTSA estimates that 1,400 would complete the full survey which would average 15 minutes in length ( $1,400 * 15 \text{ minutes} = 21,000 \text{ minutes}/60 = 350 \text{ hours}$ ). The data collection would also include 9 hours of burden for 9 people to complete usability testing at 1 hour each to aid survey instrument development ( $9 * 1 \text{ hour} = 9 \text{ hours}$ ). The participants would not incur any reporting cost from the information collection. The participants would also not incur any record keeping burden or record keeping cost from the information collection.

**Authority:** 44 U.S.C. Section 3506(c)(2)(A).

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

#### Petition for Exemption From the Federal Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Standard; American Honda Motor Co., Inc.

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Grant of petition for exemption.

**SUMMARY:** This document grants in full the American Honda Motor Co., Inc.'s (Honda) petition for an exemption of the Pilot vehicle line in accordance with 49 CFR part 543, *Exemption from Vehicle Theft Prevention Standard*. This petition is granted because the agency has determined that the antitheft device to be placed on the line as standard equipment is likely to be as effective in reducing and deterring motor vehicle theft as compliance with the parts-marking requirements of the 49 CFR part 541, *Federal Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Standard* (Theft Prevention Standard).

**DATES:** The exemption granted by this notice is effective beginning with the 2017 model year (MY).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Deborah Mazyck, Office of International

Policy, Fuel Economy and Consumer Programs, NHTSA, West Building, W43-443, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. Ms. Mazyck's phone number is (202) 366-4139. Her fax number is (202) 493-2990.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In a petition dated November 6, 2015, Honda requested an exemption from the parts-marking requirements of the Theft Prevention Standard for the Pilot vehicle line beginning with MY 2017. The petition requested an exemption from parts-marking pursuant to 49 CFR part 543, *Exemption from Vehicle Theft Prevention Standard*, based on the installation of an antitheft device as standard equipment for the entire vehicle line.

Under 49 CFR part 543.5(a), a manufacturer may petition NHTSA to grant an exemption for one vehicle line per model year. In its petition, Honda provided a detailed description and diagram of the identity, design, and location of the components of the antitheft device for the Pilot vehicle line. Honda stated that its vehicle line will offer a front-wheel drive and an all-wheel drive variation. Honda further stated that its MY 2017 Pilot vehicle line will be installed with a transponder-based, engine immobilizer antitheft device as standard equipment. Honda also stated that the Pilot vehicle line will be equipped with a "smart entry with push button start" ignition system ("smart entry") and an audible and visible vehicle security system as standard equipment on the entire line. Key components of the antitheft device will include a passive immobilizer, "smart entry" remote, powertrain control module (PCM) and an Immobilizer Entry System (IMOES).

Honda's submission is considered a complete petition as required by 49 CFR 543.7, in that it meets the general requirements contained in § 543.5 and the specific content requirements of § 543.6.

In addressing the specific content requirements of § 543.6, Honda provided information on the reliability and durability of its proposed device. To ensure reliability and durability of the device, Honda conducted tests based on its own specified standards. Honda provided a detailed list of the tests it used to validate the integrity, durability and reliability of the device and believes that it follows a rigorous development process to ensure that its antitheft device will be reliable and robust for the life of the vehicle. Honda stated that its device does not require the presence of a "smart entry" remote battery to function nor does it have any moving

parts (*i.e.*, the PCM, IMOES, ignition key, "smart entry" remote and the electrical components are found within its own housing units), which it believes reduces the chance for deterioration and wear from normal use.

Honda stated that its immobilizer device is always active without requiring any action from the vehicle operator, until the vehicle is started using a matching "smart entry" remote. Deactivation occurs when a "smart entry" remote with matching codes is placed within operating range. Ignition of the "smart entry" system is started by pushing the engine start/stop button located to the right of the steering wheel on the vehicle dashboard. Specifically, Honda stated that the "smart entry" system automatically checks for the immobilizer code when the "smart entry" remote is within operating range (inside the vehicle, close to the doors or window or in close proximity outside the vehicle's exterior) and the vehicle is started by pushing the engine start/stop button. The matching code is validated by the IMOES, allowing the engine to start. Honda further states that if a "smart entry" remote without a matching code is placed inside the operating range and the engine start/stop button is pushed, the PCM will prevent fueling and starting of the engine. Additionally, the ignition immobilizer telltale indicator will begin flashing on the meter panel. Honda further stated that activation of its "smart entry" system occurs when the start/stop button is switched to the "OFF" position.

Honda stated that it will install an audible and visible vehicle security system as standard equipment on all its Pilot vehicles to monitor any attempts of unauthorized entry and to attract attention to an unauthorized person attempting to enter its vehicles without the use of a key or a "smart entry" remote. Specifically, Honda stated that whenever an attempt is made to open one of its vehicle doors, hood or trunk without turning a key in the key cylinder, or using the "smart entry" remote to disarm the vehicle, the vehicle's horn will sound and its lights will flash. The vehicle security system is activated when all of the doors are locked and the hood and trunk are closed and locked. Honda's vehicle security system is deactivated by using the key fob buttons to unlock the vehicle doors or having the "smart entry" remote within operating range when the operator grabs either of the vehicle's front door handles.

Honda believes that additional levels of reliability, durability and security will be accomplished because its "smart

entry" remote will utilize rolling codes for the lock and unlock functions of its vehicles. Honda stated that it will also equip its vehicle line with a hood release located inside the vehicle, counterfeit resistant vehicle identification number (VIN) plates and secondary VINs as standard equipment.

In support of its belief that its antitheft device will be as or more effective in reducing and deterring vehicle theft than the parts-marking requirement, Honda referenced data showing several instances of the effectiveness of its proposed immobilizer device. Honda first installed an immobilizer device as standard equipment on its MY 2003 Pilot vehicles and referenced NHTSA's theft rate data for MYs 2003–2012 showing a consistent rate of thefts well below the median of 3.5826 since the installation of its immobilizer device. NHTSA notes that the theft rates for MYs 2011, 2012, and 2013 Pilot vehicle line are 0.3844, 0.9846 and 1.2111 respectively. Using an average of three MYs' theft data (2011–2013), the theft rate for the Pilot vehicle line is well below the median at 0.8600. Additionally, Honda referenced the Highway Loss Data Institute's 2004–2015 Insurance Theft Report showing an overall reduction in theft rates for the Honda Pilot vehicles after introduction of the immobilizer device.

Additionally, Honda stated that the immobilizer device proposed for the 2017 Pilot is similar to the design offered on its Honda Civic, Honda Accord and Honda CR-V vehicles. The agency granted the petitions for the Honda Civic vehicle line in full beginning with MY 2014 (see 61 FR 19363, March 29, 2013), the Honda Accord vehicle line beginning with MY 2015 (see 79 FR 18409, April 1, 2014), and the Honda CR-V vehicle line beginning with MY 2016 (see 80 FR 3733, January 23, 2015). The agency notes that the average theft rate for the Honda Civic, Accord and CR-V vehicle lines using three MYs' data (MYs 2011 through 2013) are 0.8030, 0.7496 and 0.3119 respectively.

Based on the evidence submitted by Honda on its antitheft device, the agency believes that the antitheft device for the Pilot vehicle line is likely to be as effective in reducing and deterring motor vehicle theft as compliance with the parts-marking requirements of the Theft Prevention Standard.

Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 33106 and 49 CFR 543.7 (b), the agency grants a petition for exemption from the parts-marking requirements of Part 541 either in whole or in part, if it determines that, based upon substantial evidence, the

standard equipment antitheft device is likely to be as effective in reducing and deterring motor vehicle theft as compliance with the parts-marking requirements of Part 541. The agency finds that Honda has provided adequate reasons for its belief that the antitheft device for the Honda Pilot vehicle line is likely to be as effective in reducing and deterring motor vehicle theft as compliance with the parts-marking requirements of the Theft Prevention Standard. This conclusion is based on the information Honda provided about its device.

Based on the supporting evidence submitted by Honda on its device, the agency believes that the antitheft device for the Pilot vehicle line is likely to be as effective in reducing and deterring motor vehicle theft as compliance with the parts-marking requirements of the Theft Prevention Standard (49 CFR 541). The agency concludes that the device will provide the five types of performance listed in § 543.6(a)(3): promoting activation; attract attention to the efforts of an unauthorized person to enter or move a vehicle by means other than a key; preventing defeat or circumvention of the device by unauthorized persons; preventing operation of the vehicle by unauthorized entrants; and ensuring the reliability and durability of the device.

For the foregoing reasons, the agency hereby grants in full Honda's petition for exemption for the Pilot vehicle line from the parts-marking requirements of 49 CFR part 541, beginning with the 2017 model year vehicles. The agency notes that 49 CFR part 541, Appendix A-1, identifies those lines that are exempted from the Theft Prevention Standard for a given model year. 49 CFR part 543.7(f) contains publication requirements incident to the disposition of all Part 543 petitions. Advanced listing, including the release of future product nameplates, the beginning model year for which the petition is granted and a general description of the antitheft device is necessary in order to notify law enforcement agencies of new vehicle lines exempted from the parts-marking requirements of the Theft Prevention Standard.

If Honda decides not to use the exemption for this line, it must formally notify the agency. If such a decision is made, the line must be fully marked according to the requirements under 49 CFR parts 541.5 and 541.6 (marking of major component parts and replacement parts).

NHTSA notes that if Honda wishes in the future to modify the device on which this exemption is based, the company may have to submit a petition

to modify the exemption. Part 543.7(d) states that a Part 543 exemption applies only to vehicles that belong to a line exempted under this part and equipped with the antitheft device on which the line's exemption is based. Further, Part 543.9(c)(2) provides for the submission of petitions "to modify an exemption to permit the use of an antitheft device similar to but differing from the one specified in that exemption."

The agency wishes to minimize the administrative burden that Part 543.9(c)(2) could place on exempted vehicle manufacturers and itself. The agency did not intend in drafting Part 543 to require the submission of a modification petition for every change to the components or design of an antitheft device. The significance of many such changes could be *de minimis*. Therefore, NHTSA suggests that if the manufacturer contemplates making any changes, the effects of which might be characterized as *de minimis*, it should consult the agency before preparing and submitting a petition to modify.

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**Raymond R. Posten,**

*Associate Administrator for Rulemaking.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Bureau of the Fiscal Service

#### **Proposed Collection of Information: Application for Recognition as Natural Guardian of a Minor Not Under Legal Guardianship and for Disposition of Minor's Interest in Registered Securities**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of the Fiscal Service, Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on a proposed and/or continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently the Bureau of the Fiscal Service within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the Application for Recognition as Natural Guardian of a Minor Not Under Legal Guardianship and for Disposition of Minor's Interest in Registered Securities.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before May 9, 2016 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments and requests for further information to Bureau of the Fiscal Service, Bruce A. Sharp, 200 Third Street A4-A, Parkersburg, WV 26106-1328, or [bruce.sharp@fiscal.treasury.gov](mailto:bruce.sharp@fiscal.treasury.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Title:** Application for Recognition as Natural Guardian of a Minor Not Under Legal Guardianship and for Disposition of Minor's Interest in Registered Securities.

**OMB Number:** 1530-0041 (Previously approved as 1535-0105 as a collection conducted by Department of the Treasury/Bureau of the Public Debt.)

**Transfer of OMB Control Number:** The Bureau of Public Debt (BPD) and the Financial Management Service (FMS) have consolidated to become the Bureau of the Fiscal Service (Fiscal Service). Information collection requests previously held separately by BPD and FMS will now be identified by a 1530 prefix, designating Fiscal Service.

**Form Number:** FS Form 2481.

**Abstract:** The information is collected to apply for recognition as a natural guardian and request disposition of securities belonging to a minor in situations where a natural guardian is no longer acting or a legal representative is not appointed.

**Current Actions:** Extension of a previously approved collection.

**Type of Review:** Emergency.

**Affected Public:** Households and Individuals.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 1,250.

**Estimated Time per Respondent:** 10 minutes.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:** 208.

**Request for Comments:** Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital