

## POSITION STATEMENT

### **SUBJECT: INSTALLATION OF AFTERMARKET / ALTERNATIVE ACCESSORIES ON HONDA VEHICLES**

TORRANCE, Calif., December 5, 2018 – The accessories (which term includes the use of software) offered by American Honda for installation on a Honda automobile are specifically designed and built to provide optimum fit, function, safety, and performance integrity.

When installing accessories in a Honda vehicle or making other modifications, American Honda recommends that only Honda Genuine accessories (or American Honda-approved accessories) are used, and that only an authorized Honda dealer conduct the installation or modification on the Honda vehicle for which it is designed. The installation of accessories other than Honda Genuine accessories (or American Honda-approved accessories) – whether aftermarket, counterfeit, or grey market – is not recommended, as they can affect a vehicle's safety, handling, stability, and performance and, in the case of electronic accessories and software, can interfere with the proper operation of the vehicle, and may result in catastrophic or premature component failures. Any damage caused by accessories other than Honda Genuine accessories (or American Honda-approved accessories), or by the installation of such accessories, will not be covered under the otherwise applicable American Honda warranty. The quality, performance, and safety of accessories other than Honda Genuine accessories (or American Honda-approved accessories) is unknown, as is whether they are compatible with a particular Honda vehicle. Only by installing Honda Genuine accessories (or American Honda-approved accessories) can the customer be assured of the accessory's safety, authenticity, reliability, and compatibility.

Following American Honda's recommendation will help avoid compromises to the performance and safety of the vehicle that might occur due to modifications where accessories other than Honda Genuine original equipment accessories (or those not approved by American Honda) are installed.

American Honda's new vehicle limited warranty, accessory limited warranty, emissions warranty, and vehicle service contracts do not apply to any accessories other than Honda Genuine original accessories. American Honda will not be responsible for any claims arising out of or resulting from the installation or use of accessories other than Honda Genuine original accessories, nor will American Honda be responsible for any subsequent diagnostic or repair costs associated with vehicle or part failures caused by the installation or use of such accessories.

Consumers with questions regarding whether an accessory is a Honda Genuine original accessory, or a Honda-approved accessory, or about accessories installed, or to be installed, on their vehicles should ask their Honda dealer.