American Honda Motor Co., Inc.

# **SAFETY RECALL NOTICE**

# GCV170 • GCV200 General Purpose Engines HRN216 • HRX217 Lawn Mowers

## **DECOMPRESSOR SYSTEM MALFUNCTION**

Check below to see if your Honda product is affected by this recall.



Locate the serial number on your product. General purpose engine serial numbers are located below the fuel valve. Lawn mower serial numbers are located on the cutting deck behind the engine.

Refer to the serial number lists shown to the right for the units affected by this recall.

If you are unsure if your product is affected by this recall, contact your local authorized Honda servicing dealer, or call the toll free Honda recall line at (888) 888-3139 for assistance.

#### Units previously repaired are no longer part of this recall.



They can be identified as follows:

A punch mark on the engine serial number plate to the left of the "G"

A colored round dot located on the information tag on the carton



What is the problem?

Due to a manufacturing defect, the camshaft decompressor mechanism in the engine can malfunction, resulting in excessive force required to pull the recoil starter rope during engine starting.

Due to the resulting high compression within the engine, some users may experience a kickback of the recoil starter grip, increasing the risk of injury. For units equipped with an electric starter, the starter motor may not be able to successfully start the engine.

## What should you do?

If you own a GCV170 or GCV200 general purpose engine or an HRN216 or HRX217 lawn mower, you will need to check to see if the serial number is within the affected serial number range and has not been previously repaired. If it is within the affected range and has not been previously repaired, stop using your product until it has been repaired by an authorized Honda dealer. Also:

- If your product was registered with American Honda and is affected, you will receive a letter.
- If your product was not registered with American Honda, contact your Honda Power Equipment servicing dealer.

If you need assistance locating a servicing dealer, please visit our website: *www.PowerEquipment.Honda.com*, or call us at our recall line (888) 888-3139.

This recall is being conducted in cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

#### Affected HRN216 and HRX217 Lawn Mowers

#### Many lawn mowers within the serial number ranges below are NOT affected.

You **must** confirm your mower is affected by either visiting powerequipment.honda.com/lawnmower-recall and then entering your unit's frame serial number, contacting your local authorized Honda servicing dealer, or calling the toll free Honda recall line at (888) 888-3139.

**Important:** If your lawn mower has had the engine replaced, refer to the GCV170/200 table below to see if the replacement engine is affected by this safety recall.

Model	Serial Number Range
HRN216	MANA-2084904 ~ 2548569
HRX217	MAMA-1484182 ~ 1734418

### Affected GCV170 and GCV200 General Purpose Engines

The following GCV170 and GCV200 engine serial numbers or serial numbers within the specified ranges are affected by this recall.



\*RE: Replacement engine for lawn mower applications

mber or Serial Number Range
GJAUA-2204245
GJAUA-2205384
GJAUA-2224541
GJAUA-2225976
GJAUA-2225991
-2230290 ~ GJAUA-2230292
-2230295 ~ GJAUA-2230306
GJAUA-2230309
GJAUA-2230322
-2230325 ~ GJAUA-2232155
-2283472 ~ GJAUA-2295191
-2303265 ~ GJAUA-2311796
-2394143 ~ GJAUA-2394322
-2394203 ~ GJAUA-2394262
-2394263 ~ GJAUA-2394322
-2496624 ~ GJAUA-2496683
-1649726 ~ GJAVA-1649727
GJAVA-1651285
GJAVA-1652575
-1652728 ~ GJAVA-1653140
-1703049 ~ GJAVA-1729184
-1732113 ~ GJAVA-1732122
-1699041 ~ GJAVA-1699100
-1783219 ~ GJAVA-1783278
-1835767 ~ GJAVA-1835826
-2016692 ~ GJAVA-2016751
-2001728 ~ GJAVA-2001787
-1699101 ~ GJAVA-1699160
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