



AMERICAN SUZUKI MOTOR CORPORATION

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Ms. Nancy Lewis
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Ms. Lewis:

The following information is submitted in accordance with the defect reporting regulations in Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 573.

1. Name of Manufacturer and Importers

Manufacturer: Suzuki Motor Corporation
Importers:

Continental U.S. - American Suzuki Motor Corp.
Hawaii - Montgomery Motors, Ltd.

2. Identification of Motor Vehicles Involved

Affected vehicles are the motorcycle models described in the table below.

SUZUKI MODEL	MODEL YEAR	INCLUSIVE MONTH/YEAR OF MANUFACTURE	TOTAL NO. OF VEHICLES
GSX-R1000	2009	2/2009 - 5/2009	2,602
	2010	8-2009 - 5/2010	39
	2011	9/2010 - 4/2011	2,328

3. Total Number of Motor Vehicles Involved

4,969

4. Percentage of Motor Vehicles Estimated to Contain the Defect

100%

5. Description of Defect

The defect involves the side stand interlock switch, which is provided to cut off the ignition circuit when the side stand is down and the transmission is in any gear other than neutral. Attached is an illustration showing the location of the side stand interlock switch.

The flange-head bolts used to mount the side stand interlock switch on the side stand bracket have a small-diameter flange that bears against the surface of the switch body, which is made of a zinc alloy. Because of the small diameter of the bolt flanges and small bearing surface of the bracket, compression buckling of the bolt side and bracket side of the switch body can occur and the bolts may loosen. Vibration can cause the bolts to turn and they can eventually come out. If a bolt comes out while riding, the body of the interlock switch can rotate, allowing the switch plunger to come out, cutting off the ignition circuit. This will cause the engine to stop running, increasing the risk of a crash.

6. Chronology of Principal Events

Nov 12, 2010 - Suzuki Motor Corporation ("SMC") received a report from American Suzuki Motor Corporation ("ASMC") concerning a GSX-R1000 motorcycle that stopped running when shifted into gear. SMC initiated an investigation to determine the cause of the condition and began monitoring information from the field.

May 11, 2012 - SMC decided to conduct a recall of affected motorcycles.

SMC has received a total of 6 field reports and 9 warranty claims that appear to be related to the reported defect in the subject motorcycles. SMC is not aware of any accidents or injuries caused by this condition.

7. Description of Corrective Action

Suzuki dealers will replace side stand interlock switch flange-head attachment bolts with bolts which have a larger-diameter flange and which are pre-coated with an adhesive material. Also, washers will be added to the interlock switch attachment seats and to the side stand bracket attachment seats.

ASMC is planning to notify dealers about the recall on May 23, 2012, and currently expects to notify owners about the recall during the week of May 28, 2012. We expect that Montgomery Motors, Ltd. will follow a similar schedule.

Enclosed is a copy of ASMC's plan for reimbursing owners who may have paid for repairs to remedy the condition in advance of recall notification.

8. Copy of Notices

Attached is a copy of the initial notice that ASMC received from SMC, a copy of the stop-sale notice that ASMC sent to authorized Suzuki motorcycle dealers in the mainland U.S., and copies ASMC's draft owner notification letter and draft dealer bulletin for the recall campaign that will be conducted.

9. Suzuki Campaign Number

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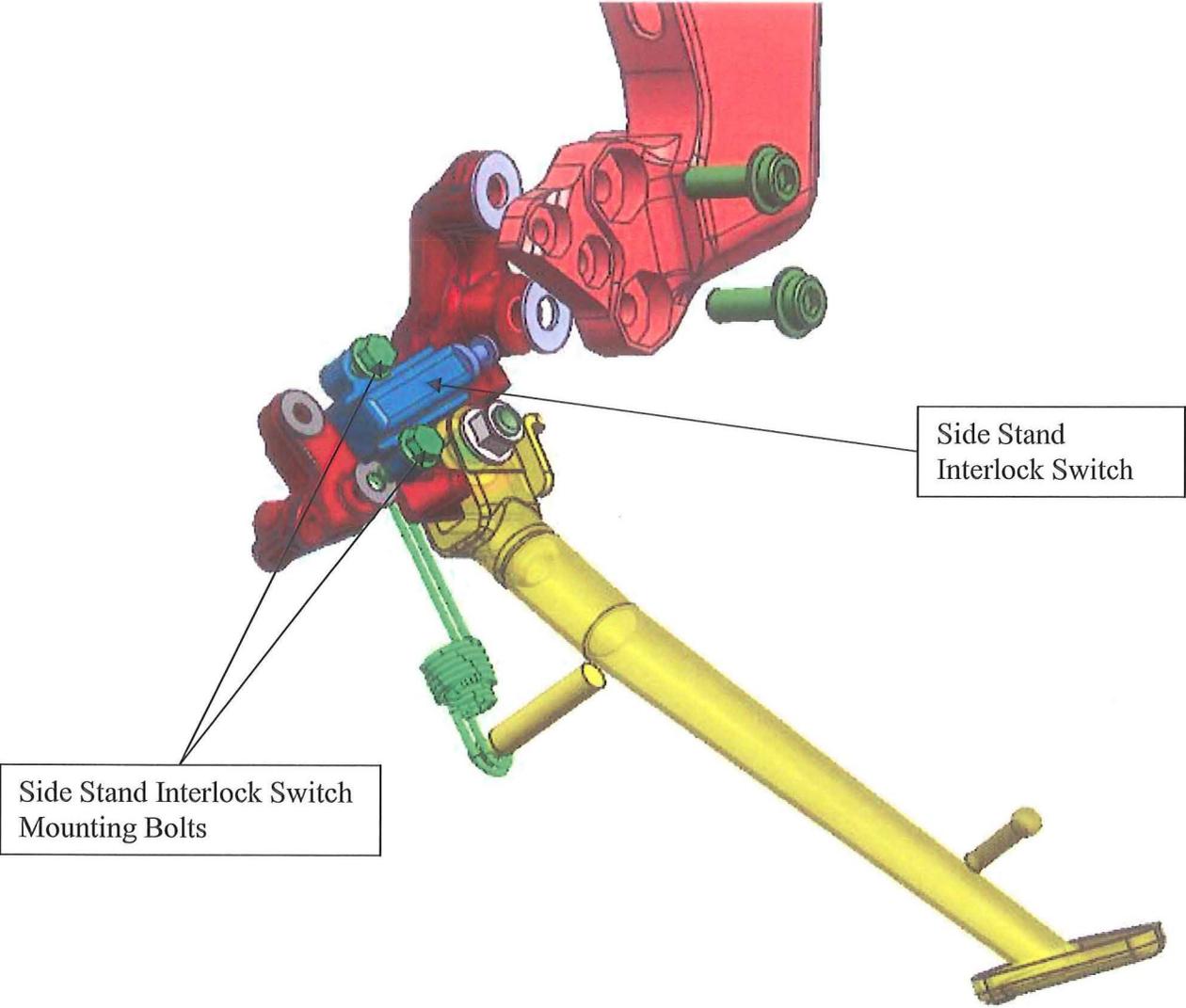
Sincerely,

AMERICAN SUZUKI MOTOR CORPORATION



Kenneth M. Bush
Associate Director, Government Relations

Location of Side Stand Interlock Switch



CUSTOMER REIMBURSEMENT PLAN
American Suzuki Motor Corporation

If your motorcycle is included in the recall and you have paid for repairs related to the loosening of the side stand interlock switch mounting bolts, you may be eligible for full or partial reimbursement. Suzuki's reimbursement plan covers 2009-2011 model year Suzuki GSX-R1000 motorcycles. Please note the following for which Suzuki may exclude reimbursement:

- Only repairs that are the subject of the safety recall are reimbursable. Additional expenses such as towing, rental, accommodations, damage repairs, etc. will not be reimbursed.
- Reimbursement may be limited to suggested list price on parts and the Suzuki published flat rate time allowance.
- An owner will not be eligible for reimbursement if the expenses for repairs are incurred more than 10 days after the date of the last owner notification letter sent by Suzuki.
- Reimbursement claims may also be excluded when adequate documentation is not submitted by the claimant.

To obtain information or request reimbursement, contact your Suzuki dealer or American Suzuki Motor Corporation, Motorcycle Customer Service Department, P.O. Box 1100, Brea, CA 92822-1100, or call (714) 572-1490. We will request an original or copy of your receipt for the recall repair or replacement, and your owner notification letter.