



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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12V-231

SUBJECT: SIDE STAND INTERLOCK SWITCH

DEAR MR. BUSH:

This letter serves to acknowledge American Suzuki Motor Corporation's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall campaign which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the vehicles listed below.

Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:
SUZUKI/GSX-R1000/2009-2011

NHTSA Campaign Number: 12V-231

Mfg's Report Date: May 18, 2012

Components: STRUCTURE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 4,969

Summary:

SUZUKI IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2009 THROUGH 2011 GSX-R1000 MOTORCYCLES. DUE TO LOOSE BOLTS THE SIDE STAND INTERLOCK SWITCH MAY FAIL.

Consequence:

ON THE GSX-R1000 MODELS, FAILURE OF THE SWITCH WILL TERMINATE THE IGNITION CIRCUIT. AS A RESULT, THE ENGINE WILL STOP RUNNING, INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

SUZUKI WILL NOTIFY OWNERS, AND SUZUKI DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE SIDE STAND INTERLOCK SWITCH BOLTS, FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING JUNE 2012. OWNERS MAY CONTACT SUZUKI AT 1-714-996-7040.

Notes:

SUZUKI'S RECALL CAMPAIGN NUMBER IS 2A29. CUSTOMERS MAY CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

We have received Suzuki's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter in which the campaign was initiated. Thereafter, quarterly reports will be due on or before 30 days after close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Edison Thompson, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-9525, by email at Edison.Thompson@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for the successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement