

April 25, 2003

Mr. George Person, Chief
Office of Defects Investigation Safety Assurance
NHTSA
400 Seventh St., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

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Re: Recall No.03V-140, Supplemental Information

Dear Mr. Person:

Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A. ("KMC") hereby provides additional information needed to fully comply with the reporting requirements of 49CFR 573.5 (c). This correspondence supplements the previous Defect Report dated April 1, 2003.

6) A chronology of all principal events that were the basis for the determination that the defect related to motor vehicle safety, including a summary of all warranty claims, filed or service reports, and other information with their dates of receipt:

- 07/18/2002 - Kawasaki Heavy Industries, Ltd. ("KHI"), the vehicle designer, receives a report from the Canadian Kawasaki distributor of two failures of the rear brake actuating cam.
- August, 2002 - KHI investigates the failed samples without finding any defect. It is assumed the failures were due to excessive force applied to the brake levers.
- 01/29/2003 - KHI receives notification of a similar failure from KMT (the vehicle manufacturer).
- 03/26/2003 - As a result of further investigation, KHI concludes that a change in material specification and vendor which occurred when production of this model was transferred from KHI to KMT resulted in a brake cam which did not meet strength specifications. KHI notifies KMC of the decision to take recall action.

No failures have been reported in the U.S.

7) The manner in which and the date when the information about the defect was obtained:

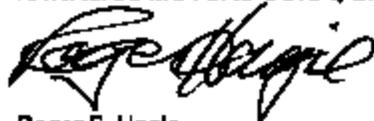
See #6, above.

8) A representative copy of all notices, bulletins and other communications that relate directly to the defect or noncompliance:

Copies of the final version of the Recall Service Bulletin and Customer letters are enclosed. Distribution of the Recall Bulletin to dealers began April 11, 2003 and mailing of the customer letters to all owners of the affected units, as determined by KMC warranty records, began April 24, 2003.

Please contact the undersigned if there are any questions regarding information in this submission, or if additional information is required.

Sincerely,
KAWASAKI MOTORS CORP., U.S.A.



Roger F. Hagle
Director Public Affairs



2001 ELIMINATOR 125:BN125-A4
2002 ELIMINATOR 125:A5/L



MC 03-03

REAR BRAKE CAM

April 11, 2003

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RECALL

THIS BULLETIN IS OF THE HIGHEST PRIORITY AND MUST BE ACTED UPON IMMEDIATELY TO ENSURE CUSTOMER SAFETY.

Eligibility

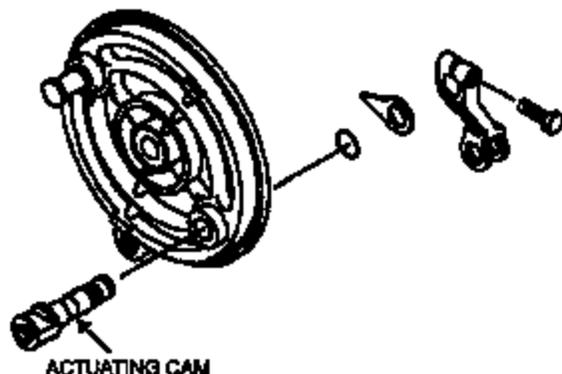
Eligible Units

Model	Vehicle Identification Number Range
BN125-A4	JKABNRA171DA00574 thru JKABNRA111DA04023
BN125-A5/L	JKABNRA1X2DA04524 thru JKABNRA162DA07585

Please check VSI (Vehicle Service Inquiry) in K-Share for other possible repair campaigns for eligible units. See bulletin number MC 01-03.

Subject

On eligible models, the rear brake actuating cam located in the brake panel can fracture if excessive pressure is applied to the brake pedal causing the loss of rear braking action. Loss of braking can create the potential for an accident resulting in injury or death.



Kawasaki Action

Initiate Recall Campaign:

Kawasaki has initiated a Recall campaign to repair all eligible units. The repair consists of replacing the brake cam.

Notify Registered Owners:

Kawasaki is sending a Recall letter to all registered owners of eligible units. A copy of the letter is printed on the last page of this bulletin.

Dealer Action

Repair Eligible Units:

Repair all eligible units, including sold units in the field and unsold units in your inventory. Refer to the Repair Procedure section of this bulletin for details.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

- It's the law! Under the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Federal Law 49 U.S.C. Section 30210(f) requires dealers to perform Recall repairs before delivering any vehicle effected by the Recall to a purchaser.

Document Completed Repairs:

Federal law requires manufacturers to maintain accurate follow-up records on repairs performed on eligible units. Dealers MUST submit a Warranty Claim for each repair. Refer to the Warranty Information section of this bulletin for details.

NOTE:

- If you fail to submit a Warranty Claim for a new unit that is subsequently sold and registered, the new owner will receive the RECALL letter requesting the return of the vehicle to you for repair.

Submit Product Registration:

Submit the product registration to Kawasaki immediately after retail sale of any eligible unit. Be sure to supply the correct customer name and address. Kawasaki uses the product registration information for customer notification.

Also, if you know that the customer has moved, please submit a Customer Update to the Product Registration Department.

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Repair Procedure

Refer to the appropriate sections of the BN125-A4 Service Manual (P/N 99924-122B-03) for information and procedures related to parts removal and installation.

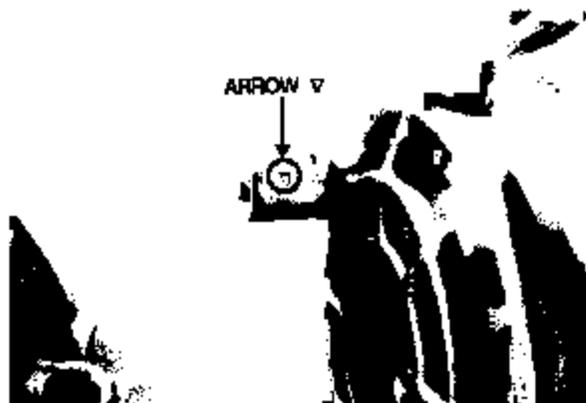
- Remove the rear wheel.
- Remove and disassemble the brake panel. Note the placement of the wear indicator and the brake lever on the cam. Mark the lever and brake panel to confirm that the brake lever goes back on in the same position.



- Replace the brake cam with the new one (P/N 41050-1095) from the kit.

NOTE:

- Apply grease to the center of the shaft and very lightly on the cam surface. Do not overgrease.
- Install the cam into the panel so that the arrow stamped into the cam points toward the center of the brake panel.



- Install the shoes and springs onto the brake panel being careful not to get oil or grease onto the brake shoes.
- Install the o-ring, wear indicator, and brake lever back in the original position and tighten the cam lever bolt.



- Reinstall the brake panel and rear wheel.
- Install the torque link and torque the front and rear nuts.

Torque

Torque Link Nut (front and rear): 34N·m (3.5kg·m, 25ft·lb)
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- Install the new snap pins from the kit into the torque link bolts (P/N 554A0800). Discard the original snap pins.
- Torque the rear axle nut and install the new cotter pin from the kit (P/N 550D4035). Discard the original cotter pin.

Torque

Rear Axle Nut: 98 N m (10.0kg·m, 72ft·lb)

NOTE:

- Check and adjust as needed the following during the repair:
 - Drive Chain Slack (Standard: 25 - 40 mm)
 - Pedal Free Play (Standard: 20 - 30 mm)

Parts Information

Order brake cam replacement kit from your Kawasaki Distribution Center. One kit is needed per vehicle repaired.

Brake Cam Replacement Kit

DESCRIPTION	PART NUMBER
Brake Cam Replacement Kit	99999-0011

KIT CONTENTS

DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY
Brake Cam	1
Pin	1
Snap Pin	2

Warranty Information

This is a safety Recall campaign. Repair is authorized regardless of ownership or warranty status. Repairs **MUST BE PERFORMED IMMEDIATELY ON ALL ELIGIBLE UNITS** in the field and during initial assembly and preparation. See the Warranty Policies and Procedures Manual (claim type 3 information) for detailed instructions when submitting the Warranty Claim.

WARRANTY INFORMATION				
Trouble Code	Qty	Part Number	Description	Claim Type: 3
32	01	99999-0011	Brake Cam Replacement Kit	Job Code: 22137 Time: 0.8 hr. Failure Date: Same as Repair Date

Repair Verification

- The replacement brake cam is gold colored and will serve as repair verification. The standard cam is silver colored.

NOTE:

- Repair verification is an essential part of the repair procedure. Along with the physical repair verification, check VSI (Vehicle Service Inquiry) in K-Shere for other possible repair campaigns for eligible units.

ELIMINATOR® 125 REAR BRAKE CAM WARNING AND RECALL NOTICE

Dear Kawasaki Motorcycle Owner:

This notice has been sent to you in accordance with requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A. has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in 2001 Eliminator 125:BN125-A4 and 2002 Eliminator 125:BN125A5/L models.

On these models, the rear brake actuating cam located in the brake panel can fracture if excessive pressure is applied to the brake pedal, causing the loss of rear braking action without warning. Loss of braking can create the potential for an accident resulting in injury or death. Our records indicate that you have bought one of these units.

Your Kawasaki dealer will correct this problem for you at no charge. The correction will consist of replacing the brake cam. Please call your authorized Kawasaki motorcycle dealer to schedule an appointment and take this letter with you at the time of your appointment. The actual repair will take less than an hour but may take longer due to scheduling at the dealership.

You may submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Washington, D.C. 20590, or call the toll free Auto Safety Hotline at (888) 327-4296 if you believe that:

- Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A. has failed to, or is unable to, remedy this defect without charge.
- Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A. has failed to, or is unable to, remedy this defect within a reasonable time, but not longer than 60 days after you first attempt to obtain remedy.

If you experienced the failure described above prior to receiving this letter, and paid to have it corrected, Kawasaki will reimburse you for your documented costs of this repair. Contact Kawasaki's Consumer Services Department at the address above, or by telephone (toll-free) at (888) 802-9381 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. PT Monday through Friday, or contact your Kawasaki dealer to request reimbursement.

We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause, but we have taken this action in the interest of your safety and your continued satisfaction with your Kawasaki motorcycle.

Sincerely,

KAWASAKI MOTORS CORP., U.S.A.

**ELIMINATOR® 125 REAR BRAKE CAM
WARNING AND RECALL NOTICE**

APRIL 2003

**KAWASAKI CUSTOMER
678 ELM LANE
ANYTOWN, CA 99999-6666**

**MODEL00001 TEST
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FRAME : 0000006
VIN00006**

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