

June 28, 2007

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Recall Management Division
NHTSA/Enforcement/ODI
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Campaign number 07V-216

Dear Ms. Wallace:

Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A. is submitting the final copy of the dealer bulletin for campaign number 07V-216.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Kim La Bounty Harris
Public Affairs Analyst

Enclosure

MODEL: 2003 VULCAN® 1600 Classic (VN1600-A1/L)
TITLE: FUEL TANK INSPECTION

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RECALL

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

Eligibility

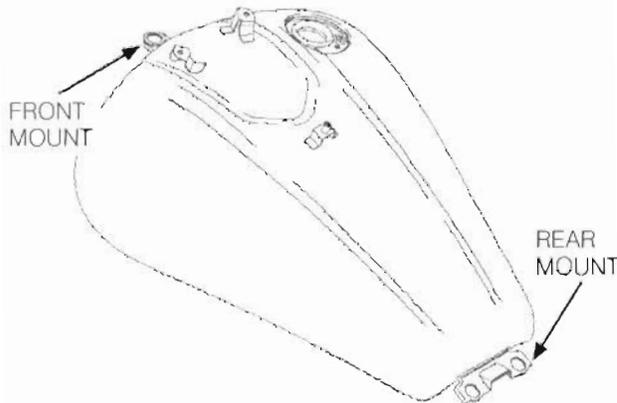
Eligible Units

MODEL	VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER
VN1600-A1/L	JKBVNKA1✓3A000044 thru 005941

Please check VSI (Vehicle Service Inquiry) in K-Dealer for other possible repair campaigns for eligible units.

Subject

On some eligible units, under certain conditions, repeated stress can crack the fuel tank at the location of the mounting tabs allowing fuel to leak from the tank. Fuel leakage in the presence of spark or flame could cause a fire or explosion possibly resulting in injury or death.



Kawasaki Action

Initiate Campaign:

Kawasaki has initiated a Recall campaign to repair all eligible units. The repair consists of inspecting the fuel tank, replacing the fuel tank if there are any indications of cracking or leakage, and installing new tank mounting dampers.

Notify Registered Owners:

Kawasaki is sending a Recall letter to all registered owners of eligible units. A copy of the letter is printed on page 7 of this bulletin.

Dealer Action

Repair Eligible Units:

Repair all eligible units including sold units in the field and unsold units in your dealership inventory prior to delivery to the retail purchaser. It is the obligation of authorized Kawasaki retail Dealers to repair eligible units in Dealer's possession prior to retail sale. Failure to comply with this obligation to repair all units eligible for Recall or FDM campaigns by the Dealer constitutes a breach of the Dealer Sales and Service Agreement. Refer to Service Policies bulletin SP 05-01. Refer to the Repair Procedure section of the bulletin for details.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

- o *It's the law! Under the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Federal Law 49 U.S.C. Section 30120(i) requires dealers to perform Recall repairs before delivering any vehicle affected 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 or inspection. Refer to the Warranty Information section of this bulletin for details.

NOTE:

- o *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.*

File behind the "MC" tab in your Kawasaki
"Service and Warranty" binder

Submit Product Registration:

Submit the product registration to Kawasaki via K-Dealer immediately after retail sale of any eligible unit. Be sure to supply the correct customer name and mailing address. Kawasaki uses the product registration information for customer notification. Also, if you know that the customer has moved, please submit a Customer Update via K-Dealer.

Repair Procedure

Refer to the appropriate sections of the Service Manual for information and procedures related to parts removal and installation.

Service Manual

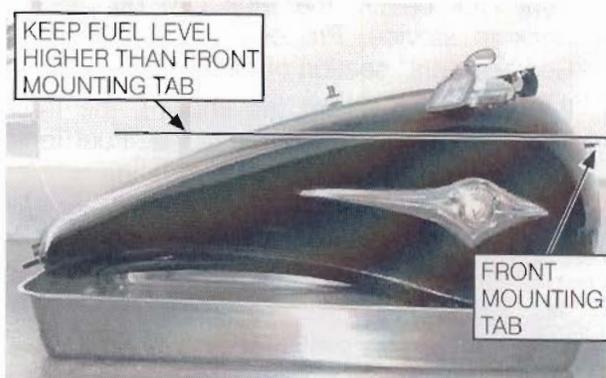
Model	Part Number
VN1600-A1/A1L	99924-1309-01

Fuel Tank Inspection

- Remove the fuel tank (section 3-105 of service manual).
- Remove and discard the old dampers and collars from the front and rear fuel tank mounting tabs.
- Clean all dirt and residue from the front and rear mounting tabs and dry thoroughly.
- Spray the area of the front and rear mounting tabs with a dry powder as shown, such as foot powder or anti-perspirant.



- Place the fuel tank in a tray as shown.



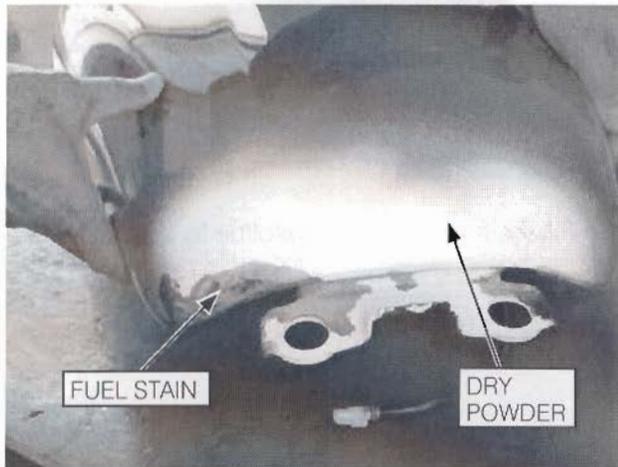
- Fill the fuel tank with gasoline to the bottom of the baffle plate.



- Allow the tank to sit undisturbed for one hour.
- Inspect the front and rear mounts for leaks.

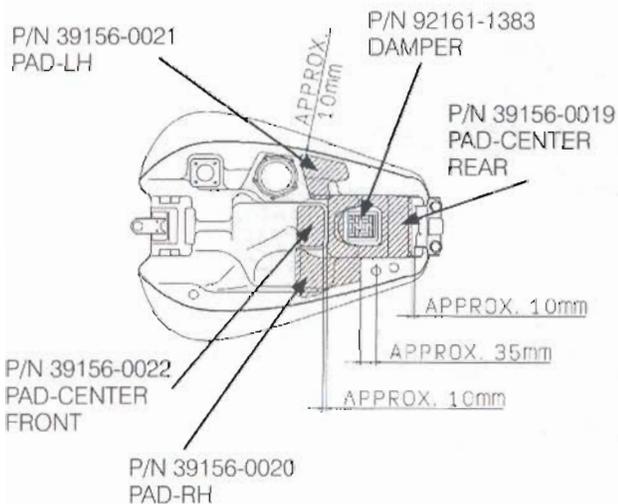


- o If the powder is dry at the end of the one hour leak check, the tank can be placed back in service. Proceed to the "Damper Replacement" section of this bulletin.
- o If the powder is wet (as shown), the tank must be replaced. Proceed to the "Fuel Tank Replacement" section of this bulletin.



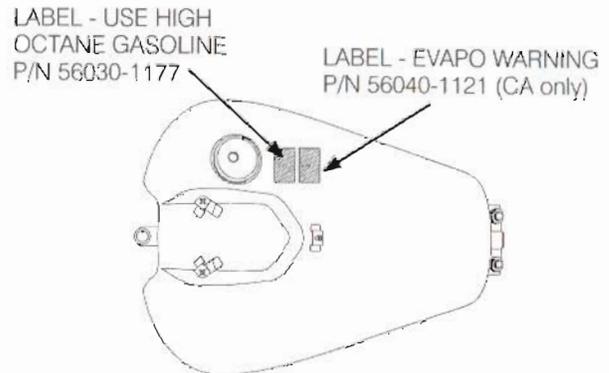
Fuel Tank Replacement:

- Remove the tank cap from the leaking tank. Keep the screws, washers, and O-ring for installation on the new tank. Keep the seal for CA models.
- Remove the fuel pump and discard the O-ring, gasket and bolts. (Section 3-72 of service manual.)
- Install pads and dampers included in the fuel tank kit to the bottom of the new fuel tank as shown.

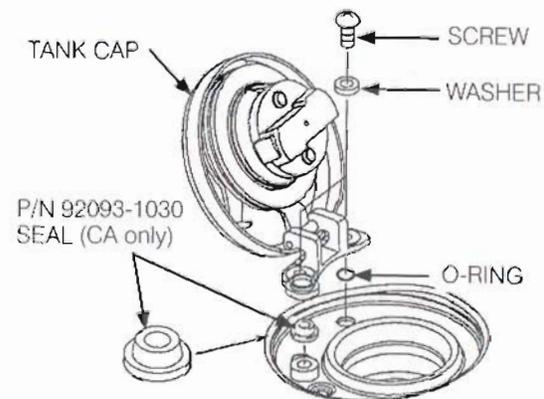


- Install the fuel pump removed from the old tank using a new O-ring, gasket and bolts from the kit. (Section 3-72 of service manual.)

- Install the appropriate labels from the kit as shown. Discard the unused labels (Europe and Canada) from the kit.

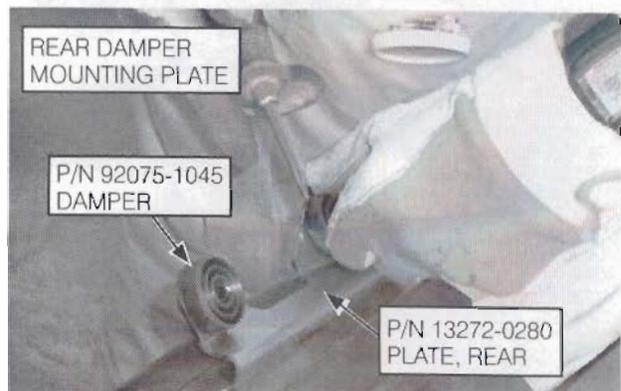


- Install the tank cap removed from the old tank using the screws, washers, and O-ring removed from the old tank. Replace the seal with the seal from the kit. For CA models, reuse the seal from the old tank.

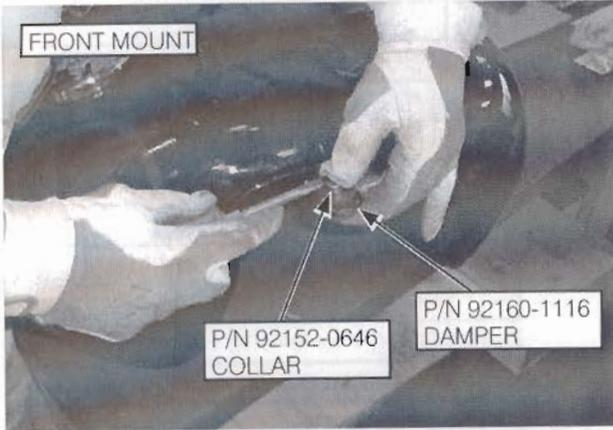


Damper Replacement

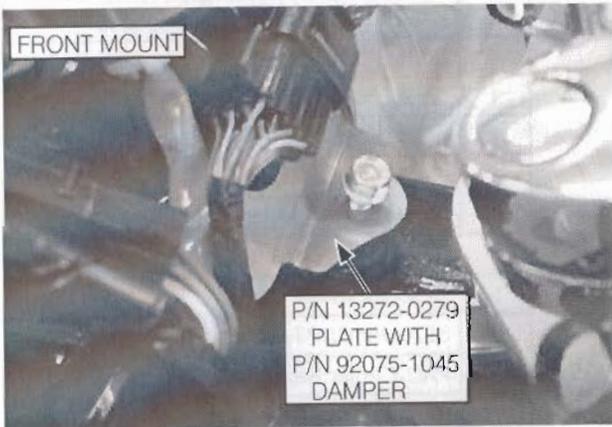
- Install 2 rubber dampers from the kit in each of the mounting plates from the kit as shown.



- Install the dampers and collars (from the kit) into the fuel tank mounting tabs as shown.



- Install the fuel tank (section 3-109 of service manual).
- Install the assembled tank damper assemblies with the rubber dampers against the fuel tank as shown.



- Install the seats (section 15-7 of service manual).

Return the Fuel Tank

If the fuel tank requires replacement, the damaged fuel tank must be returned to Kawasaki to receive warranty reimbursement for this repair. Prepare the fuel tank for shipping according to service bulletin WTY 07-01, and return it with a copy of the Warranty Claim to the following address:

Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A.
 ATTN: Warranty Administration
 9950 Jeronimo Rd.
 Irvine, CA 92618

Parts Information

All units require the fuel tank damper kit. Complete the fuel tank inspection and order repair parts only after completing the inspection.

NOTE:

- o If fuel tank replacement is required, be sure to order the proper specification, CA or 49-State, and color.

To ensure parts availability to all dealers, parts required to complete the Recall must be ordered through Parts Order Services at (800) 608-8490, or by faxing the attached Parts Kit Order Form. The proper VIN for each unit being repaired will be required for each kit ordered. Parts should be ordered only for units actually scheduled to be repaired.

Use the report detailing affected units in your dealership inventory to order repair kits for unsold units.

KIT, FUEL TANK DAMPER

P/N 99999-0121

This kit is to be installed on all eligible units regardless of tank inspection results.

Description	Qty	Remarks
Plate	1	Additional Front Mount
Plate	1	Additional Rear Mount
Damper	4	Replacement Front & Rear Mounts
Collar	3	Replacement Front & Rear Mounts
Damper	3	Replacement Front & Rear Mounts

Parts information for fuel tank replacement due to leaking tank.

P/N: 99999-0127-468, KIT-TANK ASSY
Color: Metallic Ruby Red

P/N: 99999-0125-GA, KIT-TANK ASSY
Color: Metallic Canyon Silver

Spec	Qty	Remark
CA	1	TANK-COMP-FUEL
	1	LABEL-Use High Octane Gasoline
	1	LABEL-Use High Octane Gasoline
	1	LABEL-Use High Octane Gasoline
	1	LABEL-EVAPO Warning
	1	LABEL-Non-Lead Gasoline
	1	LABEL-Conversion Table
	1	GASKET for GAUGE
	1	O-RING for PUMP
	4	BOLT for GAUGE
	5	BOLT for PUMP
	1	SEAL for CAP-TANK
	1	PAD-Center Rear
	1	PAD-RH
	1	PAD-LH
	1	PAD-Center Front
	1	DAMPER

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	4	BOLT for GAUGE
	5	BOLT for PUMP
	1	SEAL for CAP-TANK
	1	PAD-Center Rear
	1	PAD-RH
	1	PAD-LH
	1	PAD-Center Front
	1	DAMPER

P/N: 99999-0126-1Z, KIT-TANK ASSY
Color: Metallic Dark Bronze

Spec	Qty	Remark
CA	1	TANK-COMP-FUEL
	1	LABEL-Use High Octane Gasoline
	1	LABEL-Use High Octane Gasoline
	1	LABEL-Use High Octane Gasoline
	1	LABEL-EVAPO Warning
	1	LABEL-Non-Lead Gasoline
	1	LABEL-Conversion Table
	1	GASKET for GAUGE
	1	O-RING for PUMP
	4	BOLT for GAUGE
	5	BOLT for PUMP
	1	SEAL for CAP-TANK
	1	PAD-Center Rear
	1	PAD-RH
	1	PAD-LH
	1	PAD-Center Front
	1	DAMPER

P/N: 99999-0128-GA, KIT-TANK ASSY
Color: Metallic Canyon Silver

Spec	Qty	Remark
49- State	1	TANK-COMP-FUEL
	1	LABEL-Use High Octane Gasoline
	1	LABEL-Use High Octane Gasoline
	1	LABEL-Use High Octane Gasoline
	1	LABEL-EVAPO Warning
	1	LABEL-Non-Lead Gasoline
	1	LABEL-Conversion Table
	1	GASKET for GAUGE
	1	O-RING for PUMP
	4	BOLT for GAUGE
	5	BOLT for PUMP
	1	SEAL for CAP-TANK
	1	PAD-Center Rear
	1	PAD-RH
	1	PAD-LH
	1	PAD-Center Front
	1	DAMPER

P/N: 99999-0129-1Z, KIT-TANK ASSY
Color: Metallic Dark Bronze

Spec	Qty	Remark
49-State	1	TANK-COMP-FUEL
	1	LABEL-Use High Octane Gasoline
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	1	LABEL-EVAPO Warning
	1	LABEL-Non-Lead Gasoline
	1	LABEL-Conversion Table
	1	GASKET for GAUGE
	1	O-RING for PUMP
	4	BOLT for GAUGE
	5	BOLT for PUMP
	1	SEAL for CAP-TANK
	1	PAD-Center Rear
	1	PAD-RH
	1	PAD-LH
	1	PAD-Center Front
1	DAMPER	

P/N: 99999-0130-468, KIT-TANK ASSY
Color: Metallic Ruby Red

Spec	Qty	Remark
49-State	1	TANK-COMP-FUEL
	1	LABEL-Use High Octane Gasoline
	1	LABEL-Use High Octane Gasoline
	1	LABEL-Use High Octane Gasoline
	1	LABEL-EVAPO Warning
	1	LABEL-Non-Lead Gasoline
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	1	GASKET for GAUGE
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	5	BOLT for PUMP
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	1	PAD-RH
	1	PAD-LH
	1	PAD-Center Front
1	DAMPER	

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		
	Inspection and Damper Replacement	Inspection, Damper and Tank Replacement
Claim Type	3	3
Job Code	22204	22205
Problem Part Number	99999-0121	99999-0121
Problem Part	Kit, Damper	Kit, Damper
Quantity	1	1
Flat Rate Time	.8 hr.	1.3 hr.
Failure Date	Same as Repair Date	Same as Repair Date
Additional Parts	--	99999-0125-GA Kit, Fuel Tank Assy-Silver (CA) 99999-0126-1Z Kit, Fuel Tank Assy-Bronze (CA) 99999-0127-468 Kit, Fuel Tank Assy-Red (CA) 99999-0128-GA Kit, Fuel Tank Assy-Silver (US) 99999-0129-1Z Kit, Fuel Tank Assy-Bronze (US) 99999-0130-468 Kit, Fuel Tank Assy-Red (US)

NOTE:

- The time required to leave the tank undisturbed for leak check (1 hour) is not included in the flat rate time.

Repair Verification

After repair, place a small white paint mark at the end of VIN as shown.



NOTE:

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

VULCAN® 1600 CLASSIC FUEL TANK INSPECTION 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.

The reason for this notice:

Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A. has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2003 VULCAN® 1600 Classic motorcycle models. On eligible units, under certain conditions, repeated stress can crack the fuel tank at the location of the mounting tabs allowing fuel to leak from the tank. Fuel leakage in the presence of spark or flame could cause a fire or explosion possibly resulting in injury or death. Our records indicate that you have purchased one of these units.

What Kawasaki and your dealer will do:

Your Kawasaki dealer will correct this problem for you at no charge. The correction will consist of inspecting the fuel tank, replacing the fuel tank if there are any indications of cracking or leakage, and installing new tank mounting dampers. The actual repair will take less than two hours but may take longer due to scheduling at the dealership and the time needed to obtain required parts.

What you must do to ensure your safety:

Please call your authorized Kawasaki motorcycle dealer to schedule an appointment and take this letter with you at the time of your appointment.

UNTIL THE INSPECTION HAS BEEN COMPLETED

- DO NOT OPERATE YOUR MOTORCYCLE
- STORE YOUR MOTORCYCLE IN A WELL VENTILATED AREA AWAY FROM ANY SOURCE OF IGNITION

If you need help:

If you have questions or concerns that your dealer is not able to resolve, please Contact Kawasaki's Consumer Services Department:

Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A.

ATTN: Consumer Services Department

P.O. Box 25252

Santa Ana, California 92799-5252

(866) 802-9381 (toll-free) between 8:30 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. PT Monday through Friday.

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.

If your dealer fails or is unable to remedy this defect without charge within a reasonable amount of time (60 days after you first attempt to obtain remedy), you may submit a written complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave., S.E., Washington, D.C. 20590, or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1(888) 327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

If you received this notice in error:

Our records indicate you are the current owner of the VULCAN® 1600 Classic described in this letter. If you no longer have the vehicle described in this letter, or if it has been repaired, please help us to update our records by calling Kawasaki toll free at (866) 802-9381.

Federal regulation requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

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. Please contact your dealer if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A.

