

March 6, 2008



Mr. Daniel Smith
 Associate Administrator for Enforcement
 National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
 Washington, DC 20590

08V-114
 (2 pages)

Re: Defect Report Pursuant to 49 CFR Part 573

Dear Mr. Smith:

Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A. (KMC) has determined that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2006-2008 model year Kawasaki motorcycles. The following information, constituting a Defect Report, provides information to comply with the reporting requirements of 49 CFR Part 573.5(c).

- 1) The manufacturer's name:
 The affected motorcycles were manufactured by Kawasaki Heavy Industries, Ltd. of Akashi, Japan, and imported to the United States by Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A. which will be responsible for the conduct of this recall.
- 2) Identification of the affected vehicles potentially containing the defect:
 The following models are affected by this recall:

Model	Year	Begin VIN	End VIN
VN900B6F/B6FL	2006	JKAVN2B1✓6A000039	010127
VN900B7F/B7FL	2007	JKAVN2B1✓7A014001	025334
VN900B8F/B8FL	2008	JKAVN2B1✓8A030509	034093
VN900C7F/C7FL	2007	JKAVN2C1✓7A000017	008604
VN900C8F	2008	JKAVN2C1✓8A015017	016689
VN900D6F/D6FL	2006	JKAVN2D1✓6A000035	004907
VN900D7F/D7FL	2007	JKAVN2D1✓7A010001	015701
VN900D8F/D8FL	2008	JKAVN2D1✓8A020001	022152

("L" model indicates CA specification)

Beginning of production - 02/07/07. End of production (affected vehicles) - 09/20/07

- 3) The total number of vehicles potentially containing the defect:
 An estimated 31,789 units are affected.

- 4) The percentage of vehicles or items of equipment estimated to actually contain the defect: For purposes of this recall, it will be assumed that 100% of the vehicles are affected.
- 5) A description of the defect including both brief summary and a detailed description, with graphic aids as necessary, of the nature and physical location of the defect:
Summary: On some of the eligible units, the fuel hose may not be securely connected to the fuel injector delivery pipe.
Detailed: The fuel injectors are supplied with fuel via a hose from the fuel pump to the delivery pipe. The hose has a positive-locking connector that secures it to the fuel injector delivery pipe. On a small number of the affected vehicle range, it is possible that the connector is not properly locked into position. This could result in fuel leaking from the connector, creating a risk of fire.
- 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, field or service reports, and other information with their dates of receipt:
Late Aug 2007 - KHI receives information from KMC of fuel leaking from fuel hose during vehicle operation.
Mid Sep 2007 - KHI adds instructions to assembly procedures for affected models. Workers are directed to pull on the fuel line after installation to ensure proper connection is achieved.
Nov 2007 - KHI receives information from Japan of fuel leaking from fuel hose during vehicle operation.
Nov 2007 - February 2008 - KHI inspects units in KHI warehouse and distributor inventory in Japan, USA, and Europe to investigate the root cause and range of affected units.
Feb 28, 2008 - KHI determines existence of defect, and decides to conduct recall. KHI notifies KMC.
- 7) The manner in which and the date when the information about the defect was obtained: See above.
- 8) A description of the manufacturer's program for remedying the defect. The estimated date on which it will begin sending notifications to owners that there is a safety-related defect:
KMC will provide electronic and paper copies of a Recall Service Bulletin to all Kawasaki motorcycle dealers. Target date for sending these bulletins is March 14, 2008. Using warranty registration data, KMC will send Recall Letters to all purchasers of the affected units. Target date for sending these letters is March 17, 2008. A copy of the proposed customer Recall letter is attached for NHTSA's review and approval.
- 9) A representative copy of all notices, bulletins and other communications that relate directly to the defect or noncompliance.
These will be provided to NHTSA when they are finalized.

Please contact the undersigned if there are any questions in this matter.

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



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