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July 9, 2013

Ms. Nancy Lewis
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION
Attn: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

**Re: Recall Notification
CTX700 ABS Modulator**

Dear Ms. Lewis:

On July 8, 2013 Honda Motor Co., Ltd. (HMC) determined that a potential defect relating to motor vehicle safety exists in the ABS modulator of certain 2014 model year Honda CTX700 motorcycles, and is providing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reports.

573.6(c)(1)

Name of manufacturer: Honda Motor Co., Ltd. (HMC)

Manufacturer's agent: Jay Joseph
American Honda Motor Co., Inc. (AHM)
1919 Torrance Blvd.
Torrance, CA 90501-2746

573.6(c)(2)

Identification of potentially affected vehicles:

<u>Make/Model</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>VIN Range/Dates of Manufacture</u>
Honda/CTX700	Certain 2014 model year	JH2RC684*EK000001 - JH2RC684*EK000768 March 21, 2013 – April 11, 2013
		JH2RC685*EK000008 - JH2RC685*EK000061 March 6, 2013 – March 20, 2013

Description of the basis for the determination of the recall population:

The recall population was determined based on manufacturing records. The VIN range reflects all possible vehicles that could potentially experience the problem.

573.6(c)(2)(iv)

Identification of affected component:

Component: ABS modulator assembly
Country of Origin: Japan
Manufacturer: NISSIN KOGYO CO., LTD
Contact Name: Kazuo Koyama, Operation Officer
Address: 840 Kokubu, Ueda City, Nagano 386-8505 Japan
Telephone No.: +81-268-21-2229

573.6(c)(3)

Total number of potentially affected vehicles: 235

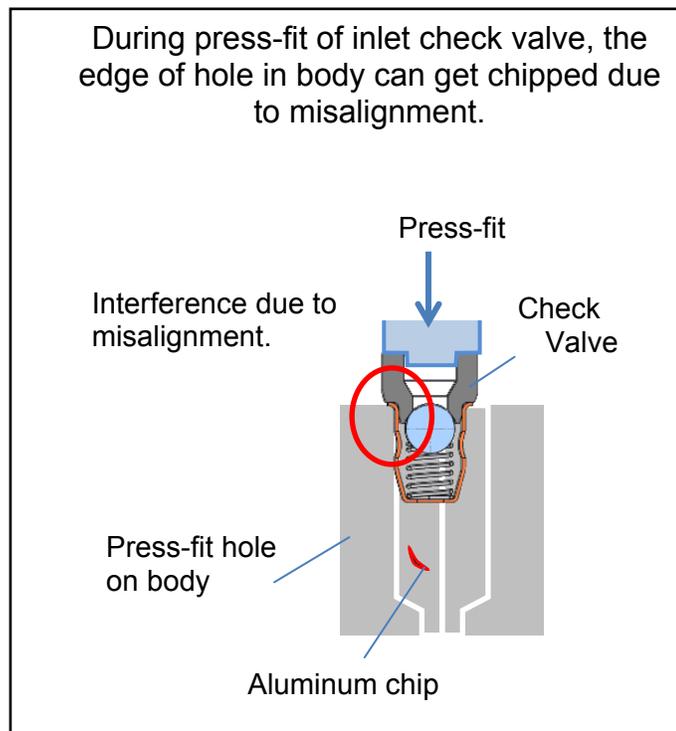
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Percentage of affected vehicles that contain the defect: unknown

573.6(c)(5)

Defect description:

Some ABS modulators installed on affected motorcycles may be contaminated by an aluminum chip that resulted from a manufacturing error. Specifically, a misalignment between the fixture that holds the modulator body and the insertion jig that installed the brake fluid inlet check valve may have caused the check valve to chip the edge of the bore in the body. If an aluminum chip is present and becomes lodged in either the inlet or outlet check valves during brake actuation, the anti-lock functionality likely will not perform properly and the wheel may skid. Unexpected skidding of either the front or rear tire under hard braking increases the risk of a crash.



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Chronology:

May 24, 2013	HMC was notified by the brake modulator supplier (Nissin) that it was investigating a possible manufacturing problem with the subject modulator.
May 27, 2013	AHM decided to place a wholesale stop shipment for new unsold vehicles in AHM's inventory while HMC and Nissin conducted their investigation of the problem in case a product update or recall is determined to be needed.
June 10, 2013	HMC requested Nissin to further study the final symptom and probability of ABS malfunction.
July 8, 2013	HMC concluded that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety may exist in certain motorcycles and decided to conduct a recall.

As of July 9, 2013 Honda has not received any reports or claims from the market related to this issue.

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Program for remedying the defect:

The owners of all previously sold affected motorcycles will be contacted by mail and asked to take their vehicle to a Honda motorcycle dealer for free replacement of the ABS modulator. Because the new motorcycle warranty on all affected motorcycles would have provided a free repair for the problem addressed by this recall, without any payment by the owner, reimbursement for pre-notification repairs will not be offered.

573.6(c)(8)(ii)

The estimated date to e-mail preliminary notification to dealers:	July 10, 2013
The estimated date to provide service bulletin to dealers:	July 11, 2013
The estimated date to begin sending notifications to owners:	July 30, 2013
The estimated date of completion of the notification:	July 31, 2013

573.6(c)(9)

Representative copies of all notices, bulletins and other communications:

A copy of the dealer service bulletin, the final customer notification letter and other dealer communication will be submitted to your office as soon as possible.

573.6(c)(10)

Proposed owner notification letter submission:

A draft of the owner notification letters will be submitted to your office as soon as possible.

573.6(c)(11)

Manufacturer's campaign number:

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Sincerely,

AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO., INC.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jay Joseph" followed by a stylized flourish.

Jay Joseph
Senior Manager
Product Regulatory Office

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