



Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A.

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July 11, 2013

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

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 2013 model year Kawasaki Motorcycles. The following information, constituting a Defect Report, provides the information immediately available. Additional information needed to fully comply with the reporting requirements of 49 CFR Part 573.5(c) will be submitted in a subsequent report.

- 1) The manufacturer's name: The vehicles in question were manufactured by Kawasaki Heavy Industries Ltd., of Akashi, Japan (KHI) and imported to the U.S. by KMC, which will be responsible for conducting this recall.
- 2) Identification of the affected vehicles potentially containing the defect: Potentially affected vehicles are the 2013 model year EX300BDFAL. The beginning and ending manufacturing dates are: 8/16/2012 – 4/2/2013.
- 3) The total number of vehicles potentially containing the defect: An estimated 1,083 units are affected.
- 4) The percentage of vehicles or items of equipment estimated to actually contain the defect: For the purposes of this recall, 100% of the vehicles will be eligible for inspection.
- 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: During the manufacturing process of the ABS pump, dust particles may have contaminated the component creating a potential for interference with the motorcycle's anti-lock function. Under certain braking conditions, the loss of the ABS function may be unexpected which may contribute to an increased risk of a crash.
- 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: The information will be provided in the supplemental report.
- 7) The manner in which and the date when the information about the defect was obtained: see above.

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- 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 plans to send a recall service bulletin to all Kawasaki authorized motorcycle dealers beginning July 25, 2013 (electronic distribution) with hard copies of the bulletin mailed beginning July 26, 2013. Owner notification letters will be mailed to all owners, as indicated by KMC warranty registration data on July 29, 2013. Dealers will be instructed to inspect the affected vehicles and replace the affected ABS pump with a new assembly as necessary.

Note: KMC requests that NHTSA defer posting information concerning this Recall to its web site until July 29, 2013, the date of the customer notification. This way, KMC will have the opportunity to notify its dealers prior to public release of this information; dealer will thus be able to provide information to answer customer inquiries.

- 9) A representative copy of all notices, bulletins and other communications that relate directly to the defect or noncompliance. A draft of the owner notification letter will be provided for review as soon as it is available. Final copies of the recall service bulletin and customer letter will be sent to NHTSA after they have been finalized.

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

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



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