



SUZUKI MOTOR OF AMERICA, INC.

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Ms. Nancy Lewis
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Ms. Lewis:

The following information is submitted in accordance with the defect reporting regulations in Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 573.

1. Name of Manufacturer and Importers

Manufacturer: Suzuki Motor Corporation
Importers:

Continental U.S. - Suzuki Motor of America, Inc.
Hawaii - Montgomery Motors, Ltd.

2. Identification of Motor Vehicles Involved

Affected vehicles are 2013 model year Suzuki GSX1300RA (Hayabusa) motorcycles produced from January 22, 2013 to April 26, 2013. The affected motorcycle production date range was determined using the earliest and latest dates that certain Anti-lock Brake System (ABS) units may have been used in motorcycle production.

The name and address of the ABS unit supplier is:

Nissin Kogyo Co., Ltd.
840 Kokubu, Ueda-City, Nagano Pref., Japan
Telephone: 81-268-24-3111

3. Total Number of Motor Vehicles Involved

2,561

4. Percentage of Motor Vehicles Estimated to Contain the Defect

Unknown

5. Description of Defect

Some affected motorcycles may have been assembled with ABS units that are contaminated with an aluminum chip. At the time of production of the ABS unit by the supplier, the brake fluid inlet check valve may have been misaligned when it was pressed into the ABS body, causing a piece of aluminum to be chipped off and remain in the ABS body. If the aluminum chip gets lodged between the inlet or outlet check ball and the check ball sealing surface during braking, the ABS function will not perform properly and tire skid could occur. Unexpected tire skidding during hard or panic braking increases the risk of a crash.

6. Chronology of Principal Events

May 24, 2013 - Suzuki Motor Corporation received information from the ABS unit supplier about the possibility of an aluminum chip being inside the ABS unit. Suzuki Motor Corporation initiated an investigation.

July 10, 2013 - Suzuki Motor Corporation decided that a safety-related defect may exist in some affected motorcycles, and decided to conduct a safety recall.

For subject motorcycles sold in the United States, there have been no reports of ABS operation failure due to the reported defect.

7. Description of Corrective Action

Suzuki dealers will replace the ABS unit on affected motorcycles.

Suzuki Motor of America, Inc. is planning to provide a Service Bulletin and campaign instructions to dealers on July 24, 2013, and currently expects to notify owners about the recall during the week of August 5, 2013. We expect that Montgomery Motors, Ltd. will follow a similar schedule.

Since the cost of any pre-notification repairs would have been covered under warranty, we understand that it is not necessary to specify a reimbursement plan or notify owners about eligibility for reimbursement of the cost of pre-notification repairs.

8. Copy of Notices

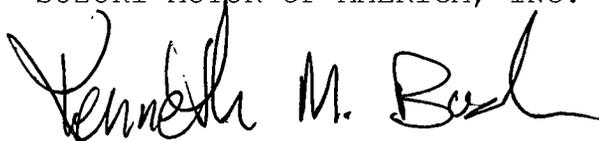
Attached are: (1) a copy of the initial notice that Suzuki Motor of America, Inc. received from Suzuki Motor Corporation, and (2) a copy of a communication that Suzuki Motor of America, Inc. provided to dealers on July 11, 2013, asking them to stop sales of affected motorcycles. Copies of other notices will be provided when they have been finalized.

9. Suzuki Campaign Number

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Sincerely,

SUZUKI MOTOR OF AMERICA, INC.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kenneth M. Bush". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K' and 'B'.

Kenneth M. Bush
Department Manager, Government Relations