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July 31, 2014

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

**Re: Recall Notification
2001-2010 and 2012 Model Year GL1800
Secondary Master Cylinder**

Dear Ms. Lewis:

On July 24, 2014, Honda Motor Co., Ltd. (HMC) determined that a potential defect relating to motor vehicle safety exists in the secondary master cylinder on certain 2001-2010 and 2012 model year GL1800 motorcycles, and is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with the requirements of 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reports.

573.6(c)(1)

Name of manufacturers: Honda Motor Co., Ltd. (HMC)
Honda of America Manufacturing, Inc. (HAM)

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:

See Attachment 1.

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

The recall population was determined based on manufacturing records. The VIN ranges on Attachment 1 reflect all possible vehicles that could potentially experience the problem.

573.6(c)(3)

Total number of potentially affected vehicles: 126,000

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Percentage of affected vehicles that contain the defect: Unknown

573.6(c)(5)

Defect description:

After the previous recall remedy (11V-567), some vehicles may still experience rear brake drag after the rider releases the rear brakes. Unexpected braking/dragging increases the risk of a crash and continued riding with the rear brake engaged/dragging may generate enough heat causing the rear brake to catch fire.

573.6(c)(6)

Chronology:

December 2, 2011	Honda issued recall 11V-567.
April 5, 2012	Honda received a claim of the rear brake dragging after the recall repair and began investigation.
June 12, 2012	The reoccurrence claim was believed to be a result of contamination, possibly due to improperly flushed brake fluid, and an investigation was started for the contaminated brake fluid.
July-Sept. 2012	Precipitate within the brake fluid was confirmed and analyzed.
February 2013	Honda sent motorcycle dealers a reminder on how to properly perform the recall repair.
May-October 2013	Honda received four claims involving rear brake fires occurring after recall repair.
October 19, 2013	AHM submitted an updated analysis proposal to Honda in Japan.
February 2014	Analysis found that no contaminants were present in the brake fluid of vehicles with alleged fires and analysis into other components continued.
July 24, 2014	Honda determined that a safety defect exists and decided to conduct a safety recall in North America. Root cause has not been determined at this time and analysis and investigation is ongoing.

As of July 24, 2014 a total of 533 complaints were received regarding rear brake dragging on affected vehicles in the U.S that had received recall repairs; eight of the complaints reported a small fire in the rear brake area. There have been no reports of injuries or crashes related to this issue.

573.6(c)(8)(i)

Program for remedying the defect:

Honda will send a preliminary letter each owner with instructions on how to conduct pre-ride and post-ride inspections so that they can identify the condition. If the condition exists the bike should be taken to the dealer to be inspected, at no cost to the owner. When Honda establishes an updated repair to prevent this condition, a second letter will be sent to owners to let them know a repair exists or that replacement parts are available.

573.6(c)(8)(ii)

The estimated date to e-mail preliminary notification to dealers: July 31, 2014

The estimated date to provide service bulletin to dealers: TBD

The estimated date to begin sending notifications to owners: August 18, 2014

The estimated date of completion of the notification: September 1, 2014

573.6(c)(9)

Representative copies of all notices, bulletins and other communications:

A copy of the dealer service bulletin and text of the final customer notification letter 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 letter is included with this submission.

573.6(c)(11)

Manufacturer's campaign number:

TBD

Sincerely,

AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO., INC.


Jay Joseph
Assistant Vice President
Product Regulatory Office

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ATTACHMENT 1

Model	Model Year	Vehicle Identification Number		Production Date	
		From	To	From	To
GL1800	2001	1HFSC47021A000001	1HFSC470X1A006709	6/14/2000	5/2/2001
	2002	1HFSC47072A100001	1HFSC47082A113582	3/8/2001	4/16/2002
	2003	1HFSC47013A200001	1HFSC47073A212217	4/16/2002	6/24/2003
	2004	1HFSC47064A300001	1HFSC47004A307767	5/23/2003	8/3/2004
	2005	1HFSC47005A400001	1HFSC47075A413988	4/6/2004	8/23/2005
	2006	1HFSC47D66A500009	1HFSC47DX6A500028	4/21/2005	8/3/2005
	2006	1HFSC47F66A500030	1HFSC47FX6A514299	8/18/2005	8/3/2006
	2007	1HFSC47F47A600001	1HFSC47F27A608825	5/16/2006	4/10/2007
	2008	1HFSC47F88A700121	1HFSC47F48A714260	5/1/2007	8/5/2008
	2006	1HFSC47G56A500013	1HFSC47G56A502229	4/21/2005	10/6/2005
	2009	1HFSC47G39A800007	1HFSC47G79A804044	6/12/2008	1/7/2009
	2010	1HFSC47G3AA900001	1HFSC47G2AA907960	1/7/2009	6/23/2009
	2012	JH2SC68G4CK000006	JH2SC68G9CK002608	2/10/2011	9/20/2011
	2006	1HFSC47H56A500005	1HFSC47H16A514399	4/20/2005	8/4/2006
	2007	1HFSC47HX7A600005	1HFSC47HX7A609335	5/24/2006	4/19/2007
	2008	1HFSC47H78A700001	1HFSC47H38A714560	4/25/2007	8/13/2008
	2009	1HFSC47H19A800001	1HFSC47H89A804014	4/8/2008	1/6/2009
	2010	1HFSC47H7AA900351	1HFSC47H2AA907160	1/22/2009	6/11/2009
	2012	JH2SC68H3CK000006	JH2SC68H4CK001746	2/10/2011	9/18/2011
	2006	1HFSC47J76A500011	1HFSC47J86A503449	4/21/2005	10/28/2005
	2006	1HFSC47L26A500001	1HFSC47L46A513509	4/15/2005	7/14/2006
	2007	1HFSC47L97A600002	1HFSC47L17A609535	5/18/2006	4/24/2007
	2008	1HFSC47L18A700001	1HFSC47L78A707390	4/25/2007	8/21/2008
	2009	1HFSC47L99A800011	1HFSC47L19A803534	6/12/2008	12/1/2008
	2010	1HFSC47L6AA900121	1HFSC47L7AA905750	1/19/2009	5/19/2009
	2012	JH2SC68L6CK000005	JH2SC68L0CK001294	2/10/2011	9/25/2011
	2006	1HF3C47M16A506560	1HFSC47M96A514339	2/8/2006	8/4/2006
	2007	1HFSC47M57A600426	1HFSC47M67A609555	8/11/2006	4/24/2007
	2008	1HFSC47M18A700461	1HFSC47M78A706930	5/10/2007	8/12/2008
	2009	1HFSC47M79A800002	1HFSC47M39A801664	4/8/2008	9/29/2008
	2010	1HFSC47M2AA904031	1HFSC47M4AA905410	4/23/2009	5/14/2009
	2012	JH2SC68M6CK000014	JH2SC68M3CK000164	2/10/2011	9/14/2011
2008	1HFSC47N18A700131	1HFSC47N58A701640	7/17/2007	6/5/2008	
2007	1HFSC47A27A600177	1HFSC47A17A602096	10/5/2006	4/20/2007	
2008	1HFSC47A98A700021	1HFSC47A68A701790	7/11/2007	8/6/2008	
2006	1HFSC47A46A500001	1HFSC47A76A501496	6/16/2005	7/31/2006	
2007	1HFSC47N57A600001	1HFSC47N77A602056	5/25/2006	3/8/2007	
2008	1HFSC47NX8A700001	1HFSC47NX8A701780	7/11/2007	8/5/2008	
2010	1HFSC47U3AA950001	1HFSC47U7AA950230	1/16/2009	3/24/2009	
GL1800A	2001	1HFSC47491A000001	1HFSC47431A002553	6/13/2000	5/25/2001
	2002	1HFSC47432A100001	1HFSC47402A102823	3/8/2001	4/5/2002
	2003	1HFSC47483A200001	1HFSC47413A203256	5/7/2002	6/24/2003
	2004	1HFSC47424A300001	1HFSC47484A301749	5/20/2003	7/29/2004
	2005	1HFSC47425A400004	1HFSC47455A413068	4/6/2004	8/8/2005
	2005	1HFSC47A65A400061	1HFSC47A85A401180	10/11/2004	7/14/2005