



U.S. Department
of Transportation
National Highway
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Administration

DOT Auto Safety Hotline
Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire
To Report Vehicle Safety Defects
1-888-DASH-2-DOT
(1-888-327-4238)
INTERNET: www.nhtsa.dot.gov/hotline

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22 JUN 2005

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OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

Name

Address

City MARIETTA

State GA

Zip Code

Daytime Telephone Number

E-mail Address

Evening Telephone Number

Do you authorize NHTSA to provide a copy of this report to the manufacturer of your vehicle? YES NO
In the absence of an authorized agent, please provide your name or address to the vehicle manufacturer.
Signature of Owner _____ Date 6/29/05

VEHICLE INFORMATION

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number located at base of windshield or driver's side
JKBVNAC18W

Make
KAWASAKI

Model
VULCAN 1500

Model Year
1997

Date Purchased
15-JUN-03

Dealer's Name and Telephone Number

Engine:
No. Cylinders 2

Fuel Type:

Original Owner

Dealer's City

State

Zip Code

Transmission Type
MANUAL

Antilock Brakes
 Cruise Control

Powertrain

Vehicle Component Code
102000 POWER TRAIN-MANUAL TRANSMISSION

Multiple Failure: 1

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s)
22-MAR-2005

Failure Mileage
9,965

Failure Speed
35

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE

Tire Make

Tire Model (Name or Number)

Tire Size (Example P215/65R15)

DOT No. (Example: DDTMAL8ABC036)

Original Equipment
 Prior Repair

Failure Location:

Tire Component Code

Tire Failure Type

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A CHILD SEAT FAILURE

Make:

Date Manufactured:

Model No./Name:

Seat Type:

Installation System:

Child Seat Component Code:

Failed Part:

APPLICABLE INCIDENT INFORMATION

(Please describe in detail the incident(s), failure(s), crash(es), and injury(ies).)

Crash

Yes No

Fire

Yes No

Number of Persons Injured

Number of Deaths

Reported to Police

N

Narrative Description of Incident(s), Crash(es), and Injury(ies).

Please describe (1) events leading up to the failure, (2) failure and its consequences, and (3) what was done to correct the failure; i.e., parts repaired or replaced (and if old part is available).

DT: THE CONTACT OWNS A 1997 KAWASAKI VULCAN. HE STATES THAT NHTSA RECALL CAMPAIGN 97V233000 CONCERNING MANUAL TRANSMISSION. WAS ISSUED. HE CALLED KAWASAKI, AND THEY STATED THAT THIS VEHICLE WAS NOT INCLUDED IN THE RECALL DUE TO VIN, ALTHOUGH VEHICLE WAS HAVING THE SAME PROBLEM AS STATED IN THE RECALL. *AK

Include, if available: Police/Fire Department Report, Photos, and Repair Invoices.

ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY

The Privacy Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-579) This information is requested pursuant to authority vested in the National Highway Traffic Safety Act and subsequent amendments. You are under no obligation to respond to this questionnaire. Your response may be used to assist the NHTSA in determining whether a manufacturer should take appropriate action to correct a safety defect. If the NHTSA proceeds with administrative enforcement or litigation against a manufacturer, your response, or a statistical summary thereof, may be used in support of the agency's action.

Narrative Description of Incident(s), Failure(s), Crash(es), and Injury(ies)

Brake Gas was locking and caused 2nd gear to fail -

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**VEHICLE
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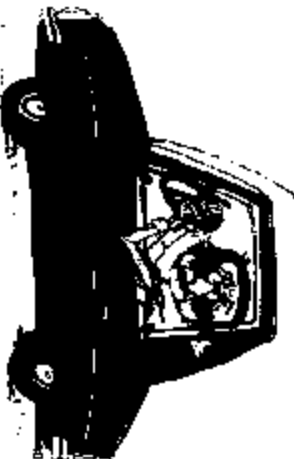
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Make : KAWASAKI Model : VULCAN Year : 1997

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(Build Dates : 19970101 - 19970228)

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NHTSA CAMPAIGN ID Number : 97V233000

Date Owner's Notified: 19971229 Date Received by ODI: 19971216 Date Added to Database: 19971219

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Manufacturer's Involved: KAWASAKI MOTORS CORP.

Manufacturer's Responsible for the Recall: KAWASAKI MOTORS CORP., U.S.A.

Manufacturer Campaign Number:

Component: POWER TRAIN:MANUAL TRANSMISSION

Potential Number Of Units Affected: 644

Summary:

VEHICLE DESCRIPTION: MOTORCYCLES. AN IMPROPERLY MANUFACTURED TRANSMISSION GEAR CAN CAUSE WEAKENING AND EVENTUAL BREAKAGE OF AN ADJACENT GEAR.

Consequence:

GEAR BREAKAGE CAN RESULT IN TRANSMISSION LOCKUP, CAUSING THE OPERATOR TO LOSE CONTROL OF THE MOTORCYCLE.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSPECT THESE MOTORCYCLES AND REPAIR AFFECTED UNITS.

Report Initiator: MFR

Vehicles Report

Regulation Part Number: Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard Number:

Notes:

CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATIONS AUTO SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-DASH-2-DOT (1-888-327-4236).

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Recalls - Search Results

JKBVNAC18VA

Report Date : June 22, 2005 at 02:18 PM
 SEARCH TYPE : VEHICLE
 Make : KAWASAKI
 Model : VULCAN
 Type : ANY

Make : KAWASAKI Model : VULCAN Year : 1997
 Manufacturer : KAWASAKI MOTORS CORP.
 NHTSA CAMPAIGN ID Number : 97V293000 Recall Date : DEC 10, 1997
 Component: POWER TRAIN:MANUAL TRANSMISSION
 Potential Number Of Units Affected : 544

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Notes:

OWNER NOTIFICATION IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING LATE DECEMBER 1997. OWNERS WHO TAKE THEIR MOTORCYCLES TO AN AUTHORIZED DEALER ON AN AGREED UPON SERVICE DATE AND DO NOT RECEIVE THE FREE REMEDY WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME SHOULD CONTACT KAWASAKI AT 1-714-770-0400. ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S AUTO SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-800-424-9393.

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Linda Con (ODI) 01126264 within 24h
 Defects.
 Nathan @ Kawasaki



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Dear Consumer:

As a result of your recent report to the DOT Auto Safety Hotline (DOT Hotline), we have recorded that report on the enclosed Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire (VOQ) form. Please review the form and make changes, additions and corrections as necessary. Additionally, please provide a more detailed description of the failure(s) you reported that you believe is(are) relevant to safety. Also, if available, include copies of repair invoices, letters to the manufacturer, or any other document related to the problem(s) you reported. If a crash or fire occurred, include a copy of the police or fire department report.

It is helpful to be as thorough as possible in your report so that our ability to use your report will be maximized. If you do not have the information, it is not necessary to complete all the boxes. However, it is very difficult to identify the scope of a vehicle problem unless the vehicle identification number (VIN) is known. The VIN is located inside the vehicle on the dashboard adjacent to the left (driver's side) of the windshield pillar and on the driver's door or the driver's door jam. It may also be listed on the dealer's repair invoices. When reporting a tire problem, the brand name, tire name and complete tire size should be included. If possible also provide the DOT tire identification number. It is usually located near the rim flange of the tire on either side of the tire.

The Privacy Act prohibits our agency from identifying you to the manufacturer without your permission. If you wish to give us that permission, please mark the appropriate authorization box and sign the form to allow us to provide your name to the manufacturer. The information you provide may assist the manufacturer and NHTSA in determining if a safety-related defect exists.

Any information provided is entirely voluntary. There is no consequence or penalty of any kind if you do not wish to provide it. We seek this information to develop both statistical and investigative evidence that will help identify potential safety related problems in vehicle or vehicle equipment, e.g., tires, child safety seats, jacks, etc.

When completed, please fill and staple or tape the form so that the pre-address portion of the form is on the out side. If a larger envelope is used, tape the VOQ form to the larger envelope so that the pre-address portion of the form is showing.

If further assistance is needed, please contact Mr. Michael J. Jordan, Safety Defects Program Assistant, Correspondence Research Division, Office of Defects Investigation, at (202) 493-0576.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Alberto A. Jimenez, Chief
Correspondence Research Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement

Enclosures: VOQ

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