



U.S. Department of Transportation  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

DOT Auto Safety Hotline  
**Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire**  
To Report Vehicle Safety Defects  
1-888-DASH-2-DOT  
(1-888-327-4236)  
INTERNET:www.nhtsa.dot.gov/hotline

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OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

Name [REDACTED]  
Address [REDACTED]  
City WHITE SETTLEMENT State TX Zip Code [REDACTED]

Daytime Telephone Number [REDACTED] E-mail Address [REDACTED]  
Evening Telephone Number [REDACTED]

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 signature, do you NOT provide your name or address to the vehicle manufacturer?  
Signature of Owner [REDACTED] Date 8/5/05

VEHICLE INFORMATION

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side: 1HFSC47053A [REDACTED]  
Make HONDA Model HONDA MOTORCYCLE Model Year 2003  
Date Purchased 20-JUL-02 Dealer's Name and Telephone Number MOTOR TRIKE INC 1-800-90TRIKE Engine: No: Cylinders 6 Fuel Type: Gas  
Original Owner  Dealer's City TROUP State TX Zip Code 75789-0611  
Transmission Type MANUAL Antilock Brakes  Powertrain REAR WHEEL DRIVE Vehicle Component Code 034530 SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC:FOUNDATION COMPONENTS  
Cruise Control  Multiple Failure: 1

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s) 01-FEB-2005 Failure Mileage 20000 Failure Speed [REDACTED] REAR BRAKE PADS & ROTORS

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE

Tire Make [REDACTED] Tire Model (Name or Number) [REDACTED] Tire Size (Example P215/65R15) [REDACTED]  
DOT No. (Example: DOTM19ABC036) [REDACTED] Original Equipment  Prior Repair  Failure Location: [REDACTED]  
Tire Component Code [REDACTED] Tire Failure Type [REDACTED]

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A CHILD SEAT FAILURE

Make: [REDACTED] Date Manufactured: [REDACTED] Model No./Name: [REDACTED]  
Seat Type: [REDACTED] Installation System: [REDACTED]  
Child Seat Component Code: [REDACTED] Failed Part: [REDACTED]

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 [REDACTED] Number of Deaths [REDACTED] 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).

DI:  
OWNS A HONDA GOLDWING WHICH HAS BEEN MODIFIED INTO A CONVERSION MOTOR TRIKE WHICH TURNS THIS INTO A 3 WHEEL VEHICLE. CONSUMER FEELS THERE A ISSUE WITH THE BRAKES. THE BRAKE PADS DESTROY THE ROTOR WHICH IS NOT AWARE TO THE CONSUMER. THE CONSUMER DOES NOT HAVE A SENSOR LIKE THOSE ON A CAR BUT THERE ARE ONLY 4-5,000 MILES BEFORE THE ROTOR IS DESTROYED. BECAUSE HONDA IS DUAL BRAKING SYSTEM SO IF YOU LOOSE THE REAR YOU STILL HAVE THE FRONT BRAKES, THE MOTOR TRIKE CONVERSION FRONT BRAKES WERE NO MODIFIED BUT REAR BRAKES ARE CONVERTED. THE DESIGN OF THE SOFT ROTORS IS A PROBLEM AND THEY HAVE USED A MAILABLE IRON ROTOR WITH A MOTORCYCLE DISC PAD WHICH IS STRONG AND HARD WHICH DETROYS THE ROTOR. WHEN THIS OCCURS, THE PADS BEGAN TO WEAR AS WELL. HAS BEEN TO DEALER TO REPLACE ROTORS AND PADS BUT THEY WERE REPLACED WITH THE SAME DEFECTIVE ROTORS AND PADS.

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

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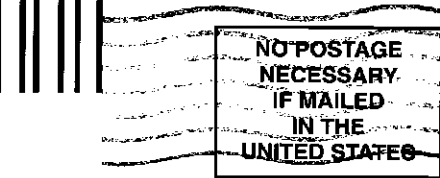
MOTORTRIKE INC. CONVERTS EXISTING 2 WHEEL MOTORCYCLES TO 3 WHEEL MOTOR CYCLE TRIKES. IN 2004, MOTORTRIKE INC STOPPED BUYING THIRD PARTY STEEL ROTORS FOR REAR BRAKES. MOTORTRIKE INC BEGAN MANUFACTURING SOFT IRON ROTORS (TO SAVE MONEY) AND USING SAID SOFT IRON BRAKE ROTORS WITH MOTORCYCLE BRAKE PADS. THE MOTORCYCLE INDUSTRY STANDARD FOR DISK BRAKES IS; HARD BRAKE PADS WITH STEEL ROTORS. THE CURRENT MOTORTRIKE METHOD RESULTS IN THE STANDARD HARD MOTORCYCLE BRAKE PADS DESTROYING THE SOFT IRON MOTORTRIKE ROTORS IN 1000 TO 6000 MILES OF NORMAL USE. THERE ARE NO WARNING BRAKE SENSORS - AS WITH CARS - TO ALERT THE CONSUMER. THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF DEFECTIVE REAR BRAKE MACHINES ACROSS THE UNITED STATES. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT MACK COOK IN NORTH TEXAS TRIKES 1-800-220-8168 ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY

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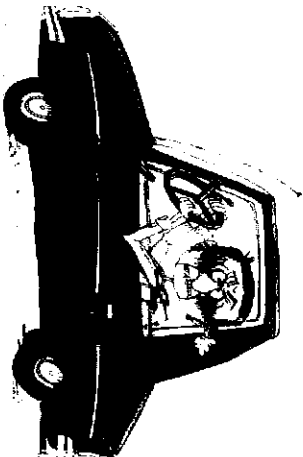
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