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

RE:

[REDACTED]
American Honda Motor Co. Inc.
Safety Recall
a) Frame Weld
b) Brake Valve
2002 Honda Gold Wing Motorcycle

Dear Mr. Jimenez:

In your response letter, dated May 3, 2003, to my two previous letters dated March 29 and April 4, 2005, you advised me that you had requested the American Honda Motor Company to take appropriate action regarding my client's motorcycle.

I never received the courtesy of a written response from Honda. However, they did refer the matter to a field representative. An inspection date was set and then for some nebulous reason it was called off. I was advised by the Honda field representative that he would get back to me. To date, he has not done so. It has now been more than 90 days since I last heard from the field representative. (See a copy of my letter attached).

Also, in your letter you indicated that the NHTSA monitors the adequacy of manufacturers recall campaigns. Obviously, as it relates to my client, Honda's recall campaign to date has not been adequate. Also, obviously your request to Honda for them to take appropriate action has apparently not been heeded.

Certainly, it would be far less costly for Honda to address my client's matter than it would be if my client decided to consider his legal options and to then seek redress.

Michael
8/15/05

I am taking the liberty of updating you on the status of this matter so that you are fully aware of the matter.

Thank you for your cooperation regarding the matter.

Very Truly Yours,



Thomas H. Morton

Enclosure

CC:



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VIA FAX NO. 770-399-2774

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RE: [REDACTED]
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Safety Recall
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Dear Mr. Patterson:

As you are aware, I represent [REDACTED] in connection with the two referenced recall notices he received from your principle, American Honda Motor Co. Inc.

You initially responded on behalf of Honda to the letters that I sent to Honda and you advised me that you would arrange for my client's unit to be inspected and then to do any necessary corrective work. You subsequently called me on April 27, 2005 and you stated as follows: "Can't inspect bike next week. Will be back in touch with you."

To date, I have not heard further from you. In addition, my client has now received an "Important: Safety Recall Reminder" regarding his unit.

This second notice as with the first notice of "Safety Recall" reminded my client that "the welded area could break without warning, resulting in lower cross member separation and rear suspension collapse. This could result in a crash."

Obviously, there is a serious potential hazard involved that could cause a crash resulting in a serious injury or fatality.

Your failure to get back to me on a timely basis, as you had advised and your failure to follow through with the required inspection is now a matter of major concern. In the event of a "crash" coupled with a resulting injury then such a situation could result in a cause of action including perhaps punitive considerations.

If you and Honda are going to continue to ignore this matter then please so advise me so that my client can then address his options.

By a copy of this letter, I am also advising your principle as well as the U.S. Department of Transportation of my client's concern regarding Honda's failure, to date, to address the safety recall notice with my client.

Very Truly Yours,



Thomas H. Morton

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