



Office of Defects Investigation

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Your Complaint Information

Consumer Information

Name : [REDACTED]
Org. Name : [REDACTED]
Address : [REDACTED]
City, State, Zip : NIAGARA FALLS, NY [REDACTED]
USA
Daytime Phone : [REDACTED] Ext : [REDACTED]
Evening Phone : [REDACTED] Fax : [REDACTED]
Email : [REDACTED]

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Complaint Information

Description : OT: The consumer states that his child owned a 2003 Honda RC 51 1000R that caught on fire and exploded while being ridden. The owner was traveling at a speed of 55 to 65. The driver was killed in the accident. The owner was twenty years of age. There are witnesses that have stated the driver was traveling down asphalt, straight road when he looked like the motorcycle was out of control. There was a puff of smoke and then the driver lost control of the bike and hit a culvert and was found unconscious. The father of the driver states that the driver died while in the hospital due to blunt trauma and internal injuries. At this point the investigators have found no hard evidence of the component, but the fuel system looks suspicious. The father of the driver has found online that there have been numerous reports of fuel systems leaking and loss of control of the steering. The father has contacted Honda and they gave no explanation as to what the cause could have been. The father does have pictures of the wreckage. The father has in his possession pictures of the bike right after the wreck happened before anyone had touched the bike. The father does have almost two hundred pictures from the Honda investigation. At this point, the bike is available to view, until the insurance company releases it.

Incident Date : 5/30/2005 Fire : Yes
Num. Failures : 1 Property Damage : No
Num. Deaths : 1 Crash : Yes
Num. Injured : Police Report : Yes
Referral Source : N/A

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Vehicle Information

VIN :	JH2SC4 [REDACTED]	Purchase Date :	4/23/2005
Manufacturer :	HONDA (AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO.)		
Year, Make and Model :	2003/HONDA/HONDA MOTORCYCLE	Original Owner :	Yes
# of Cylinders :	2	Trans. Type :	MANUAL
Engine Size :		Vehicle Details Usage :	
Cruise Control :	No	AntiLock Brakes :	No
Current Mileage :	1500	Speed :	55
Failure Mileage :	1500	Powertrain :	REAR WHEEL DRIVE
Body Style :	OTHER	Fuel System :	FUEL INJECTION
Fuel Type :	GAS	Vehicle Type :	UNK

Vehicle Component Information

Component 1:	FUEL SYSTEM, OTHER	OEM:	No
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Vehicle Dealer Information

Dealer :	1		
Name :	WESTERN NEW YORK CYCLE	Dealer Type :	SALES DEALER
Address :			
	LOCKPORT		
	NY		
Dealer Phone:		Dealer Fax:	
Email:			

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The father feels that the bike should have never been manufactured!! The family is consulting with a lawyer over the matter. The father feels that the drivers should be required to have a road safety course before being able to drive these motorcycles on the road. The owner does have a police and insurance report. There is a report that Honda had done also. There is not an option in the database for the exact model of the bike. The owner of the bike had been to the dealer two weeks before the crash for a safety and warranty check up and the dealer said he did not have time to do it, so come later. The father contacted Honda about that statement and they responded that "that was not their policy, and that should have not happened. Honda would be sending out a memo to all dealers stating that motorcycles that are due for a safety inspection, be inspected top priority and not told to come back later".

Due to limited space, this
information could not be
included in the narrative summary.