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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

The U.S. Department of Transportation

Washington, D.C. 20590

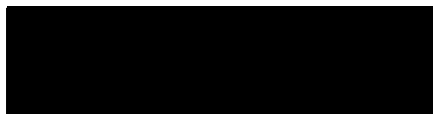
1-800-424-9393

Dear NHTSA,

Enclosed you will find a letter to the consumer relations department at Kawasaki Motors Corp., USA. This letter outlines a potential safety problem that I feel may be found in other vehicles of my same make and model. Also enclosed are pictures of the damage and immediate repair to the affected area.

This information has been produced in an effort to protect others from potential harm. Thank you for your public service to the citizens of the USA.

Sincerely, /

Lake Park, GA NM
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Consumer Relations
Kawasaki Motors Corporation
P.O. Box 25252
Santa Ana, CA. 92799-5252
(949) 460-5688

Reference:

2006 Kawasaki VN900B6F (Vulcan Classic 900)

V.I.N. JKAVN2B146A [REDACTED]

Owner: [REDACTED]

Dear Kawasaki Consumer Relations,

The above referenced motorcycle has an odometer reading of 25,150 miles. I noticed the rear fender shaking and moving with an extreme amount of "play". Upon inspection I observed the seat sub-frame was broken. It appeared to have snapped at a weak point where the tubular metal was stamped flat as it was curved downward in the manufacturing process. I have taken steps to repair this manufacturing defect and am reporting to you the occurrence of this incident in an effort to bring about awareness to protect your valuable consumers from potential harm.

Enclosed you will find pictures and a receipt for the welder's shop labor to repair the seat sub-frame. I fully realize that my motorcycle is out of warranty from normal occurrences of fallible wear and tear however, this could potentially cause harm to someone whose eye is not as keen and would not suspect that a major part of the frame system could fail.

The above referenced motorcycle has been repaired and reinforced on both sides of the sub-frame. I highly doubt that this incident will occur at the same spot, if at all. I have conducted repair at the cost of my time, disassembly and reassembly, and my locally trusted welding shop known as Blackmon's Welding and Machine. I am requesting reimbursement for twenty dollars that I was charged as a result of labor (only) from Blackmon's.

This is my wife's motorcycle and I have that keen eye for her safety. I feel confident in the Kawasaki name and product and I know that proper steps will be taken to fully investigate how this happened.

Sincerely, /

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Lake Park, GA

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Blackmon's Welding And Machine

1425 West Hill Ave
Valdosta, GA 31601

(229) 244-9160

Invoice

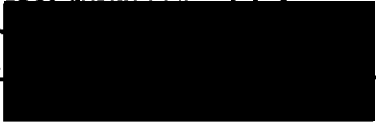
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Bill To
Cash

P.O. No.	Terms	Rep
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Description	Qty	Rate	Amount
Shop Labor welding on bike seat	0.5	40.00	20.00
Sales Tax		7.00%	0.00
Pd CK# 2914 4-29-08			

Attn: Accounts Payable, No statements will
be mailed, please pay from this invoice. If
you have any questions please call
229-244-9160. Thank You

Signature- 

Total	\$20.00
Balance Due	\$20.00

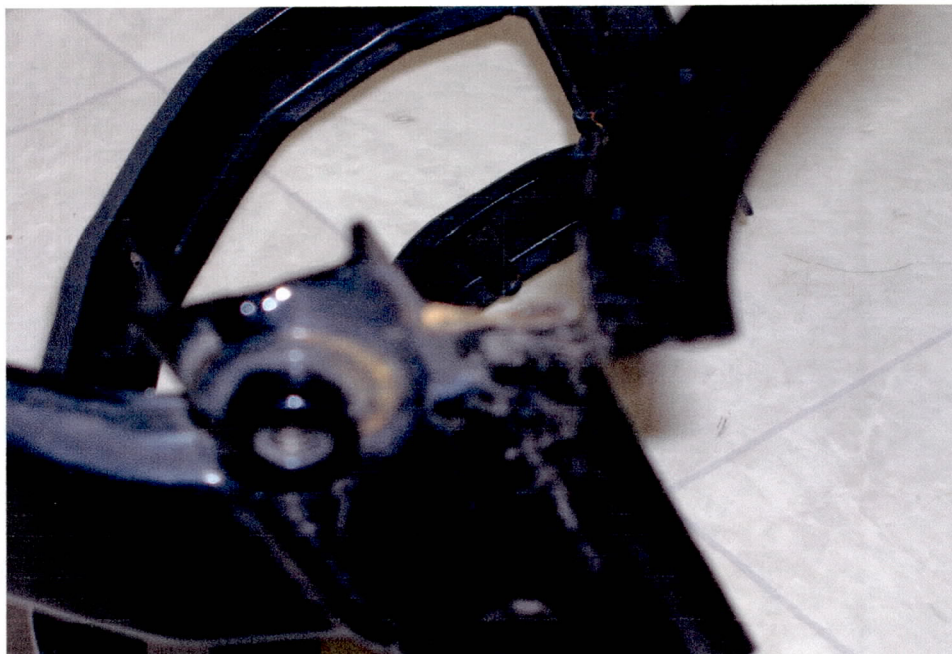
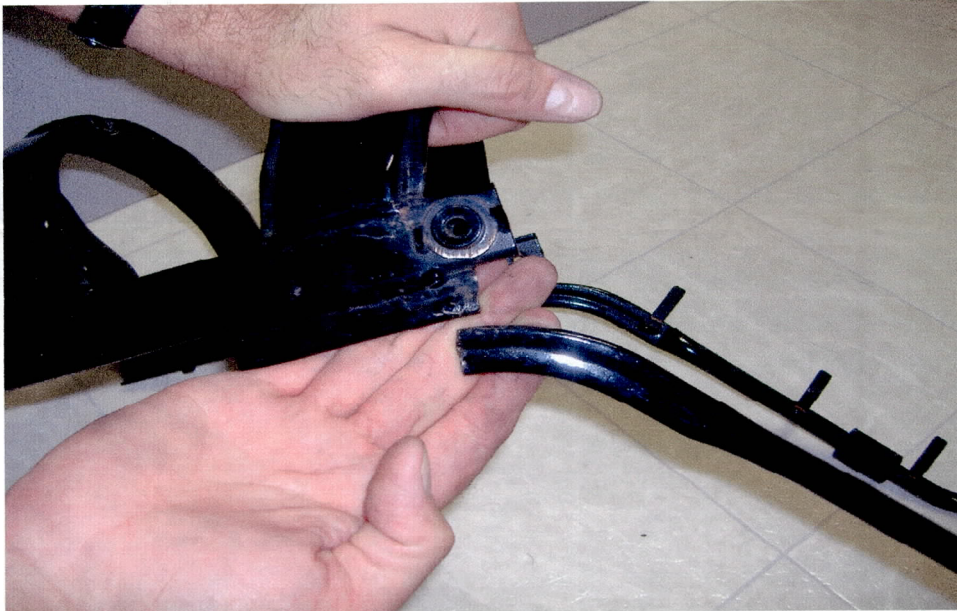
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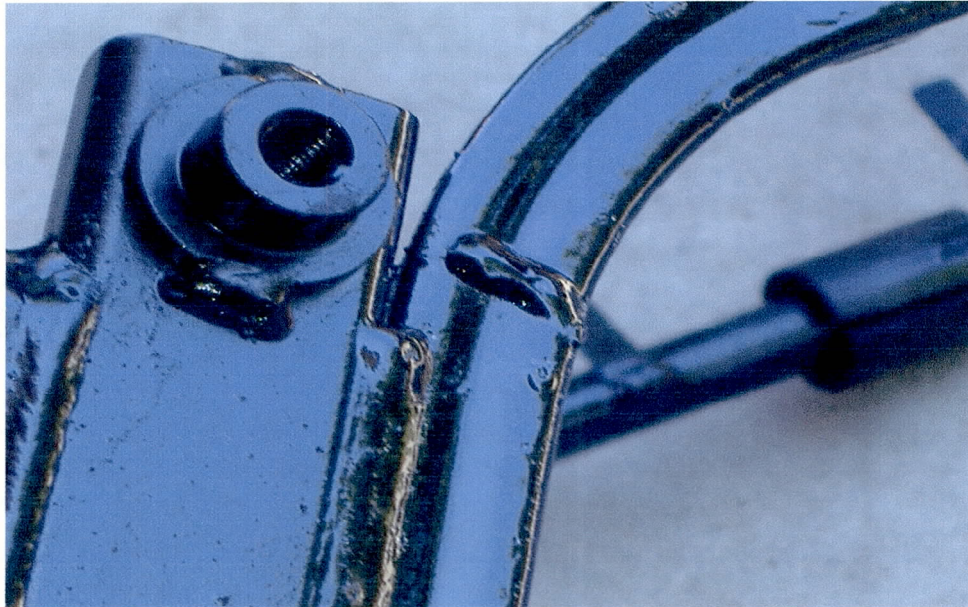
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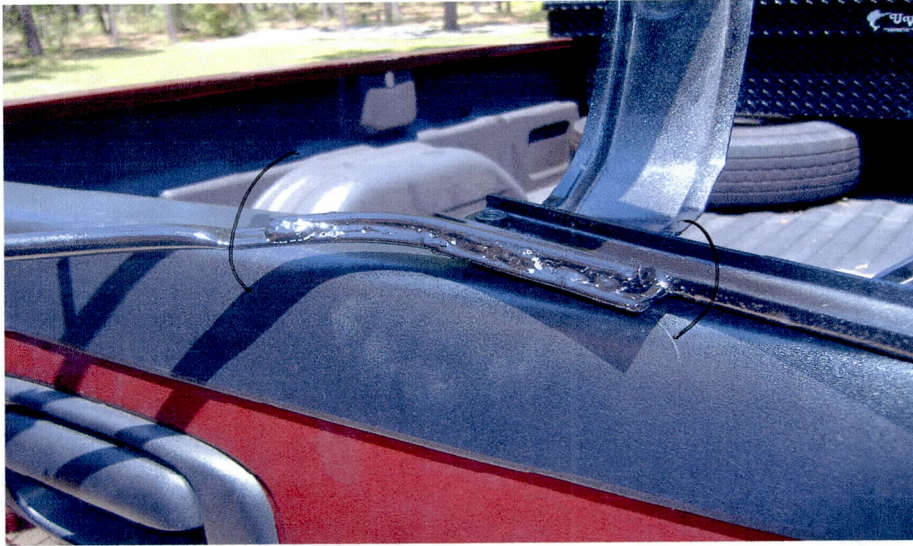
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Note: Reinforcement Through
Use of cold Rolled Steel

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