

March 12, 2010

Mr. George Person
Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh St., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Report Pursuant to 49 CFR Part 579.11

Dear Mr. Person:

Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A. (KMC) submits the following information concerning a defect in a Kawasaki model sold in markets other than the United States. The affected model is the 2009 model year Kawasaki ZR1200D9F offered in the Japanese market. This model is not identified as substantially similar to any Kawasaki models offered in the United States. However the specific components (left and right rear view mirrors) are the same parts as used on the 2009 model year KLE650A9F that is offered in the United States. Based on analysis of the cause of the failure and the time period in which the affected mirrors were manufactured, Kawasaki Heavy Industries, Ltd. ("KHI") has determined that this failure does not apply to the U.S. model KLE650A9F.

The specific information items called for under § 579.12(a) are provided herein.

- 1) The manufacturer's name: Kawasaki Heavy Industries, Ltd., Akashi, Japan ("KHI").
- 2) Identification of the affected vehicles potentially containing the defect: The affected model is the 2009 model year Kawasaki ZR1200D9F manufactured between February 24, 2009 and December 25, 2009 and offered for sale in Japan.
- 3) The total number of vehicles potentially containing the defect: 1,402 units are affected.
- 4) A description of the defect including both brief summary and a detailed description, with graphic aids as necessary, of the nature and physical location of the defect:

Brief - improperly manufactured rear view mirror(s) may rotate on their mounts during vehicle operation.

Detailed - on some eligible units, the specified locking agent is not properly applied to the threaded bolt which secures the tension maintenance feature at the base of the mirror mount. Failure to maintain the proper tension allows the mirror to rotate around its mounting point and thus not provide the motorcycle operator the proper rearward visibility.

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Additional information:

- This campaign is being conducted in Japan as a recall campaign.
- KHI determined the need to conduct this campaign on March 8, 2010 and will initiate the campaign on March 30, 2010.
- Repair will consist of inspecting the rotational torque on the lower mount of both mirrors, and replacing any of them found to exhibit the failure.
- This problem relates to an error in assembly of a specified number of mirrors. Mirrors installed on models imported to the United States are outside the range of manufacturing dates when this error occurred.

Please contact me if additional information is required.

Sincerely,
KAWASAKI MOTORS CORP., U.S.A.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Hagie", is written over a faint, circular blue ink stamp.

Roger F. Hagie
Director Public Affairs