

May 21, 2010

Associate Administrator for Enforcement
NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY
ADMINISTRATION

Attn: Early Warning Division (NVW-217)
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Foreign Recall Report

Dear Associate Administrator:

On May 11, 2010, Honda Motor Co., Ltd. (HMC) decided to conduct a safety recall of certain motorcycles in Europe, New Zealand and South Africa. The following information is submitted pursuant to the requirements of 49 CFR 579.12.

573.6(c)(1)

Name of Manufacturer: Honda Motor Co., Ltd. (HMC)

Manufacturer's Agent: Jay Joseph
American Honda Motor Co., Inc. (AHM)
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573.6(c)(2)

Identification of Potentially Affected Vehicles:

<u>Make/Model</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Dates of Manufacture</u>
Honda VFR1200	Certain 2010 model year vehicles	July 31, 2009 – February 5, 2010

Description of the Basis for the Determination of the Recall Population:

The recall population was based on manufacturing records.

573.6(c)(3)

Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Affected: 2,768

573.6(c)(5)

Defect Description:

During the manufacturing process, aluminum machining chips may remain in the main galley of the engine crank case unintentionally which may cause engine noise, degradation of engine power, engine failure which could result in fire.

579.12(a)

Campaign Being Conducted in: See Attached List

Safety Recall or Other Safety Campaign: Safety Recall

Determination Made by: Honda

Date of Determination: May 11, 2010

Date Recall will Commence: May 24, 2010

Manufacturer's Program for Remediating the Noncompliance:

Dealers will inspect and if chips are detected the engine will be replaced. All work will be performed free of charge.

U.S. Motor Vehicles Identical or Similar to Vehicles Covered by this Foreign Recall:

Foreign Recalled Vehicle	Identical or Similar U.S. Vehicle
2010 Honda VFR1200	2010 Honda VFR1200

Reason U.S. Vehicles Not Affected

The 2010 VFR1200 motorcycles sold in the U.S. are excluded from the affected VIN list because the inspection procedure was performed prior to dealer shipment.

Sincerely,

AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO., INC.



Jay Joseph
Senior Manager
Product Regulatory Office

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Attachment 1

Campaign is being conducted in the following countries

Germany	Russian Federation
Turkey	United Kingdom
France	Poland
Slovenia	Czech Republic
Hungary	Macedonia
Finland	Norway
Ireland	Italy
Switzerland	Canary Islands
Denmark	Spain
Sweden	Portugal
Estonia	South Africa
New Zealand	