



Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A.

June 16, 2011

Mr. Daniel Smith
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Report Pursuant to 49 CFR Part 579.11

Dear Mr. Smith:

Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A. (KMC) hereby advises NHTSA of a repair campaign being conducted in foreign markets on certain Kawasaki motorcycles essentially similar to units sold in the United States. The motorcycles are available in Japan, Thailand, Malaysia, Europe, Indonesia, Brazil etc. No campaign is to be conducted in the U.S. because the defect relates to components of the fuel injection system, while U.S. models are carbureted models.

- 1) The manufacturer's name: Kawasaki Motors Enterprise Thailand (KMT).
- 2) Identification of the affected vehicles potentially containing the defect: The affected models are the Kawasaki 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011 model year KLX250S and KLX250V. The substantially similar U.S. models are the 2009 and 2010 model year KLX250W and KLX250T.
- 3) The total number of vehicles potentially containing the defect: 7,194
- 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: Improper routing of ECU wiring causes abrasion of the wiring against the frame.

Detailed: The wiring harness for the ECU is designed to avoid interference with the frame members, but variation in mass production caused the electrical wiring of some units to interfere with the frame. The worn electrical wiring can cause short circuiting which can lead to engine stalling.

- 5) A chronology of all principal events that were the basis for the determination that the defect related to motor vehicle safety, including a summary of all warranty claims, field or service reports, and other information with their dates of receipt:
October 2010 – KHI (Kawasaki Heavy Industries, Ltd., the vehicle designer) receives information from KMT of a customer complaint of abrasion of the wiring leading to engine stalling.
January 2011 – KHI receives five complaints of abrasion to the wiring from KME (European distributor), although no engine stalling is reported. KHI begins investigation of countermeasure action
May 2011 – KHI advises KMC of its intent to initiate a recall campaign in the affected markets.

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- 6) The manner in which and the date when the information about the defect was obtained: see #5 above
- 7) A description of the manufacturer's program for remedying the defect: Inspect the electrical wiring and repair depending on the damage found. Replace the ECU bracket to secure proper spacing between the electrical wiring and the frame. Install protective cover to the electrical wiring.

Please contact the undersigned if there are any questions in this matter.

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



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Director Public Affairs