

September 19, 2011

Mr. Daniel Smith  
Associate Administrator for Enforcement  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
Attn: Early Warning Division (NVS-217)  
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 Brazil on certain Kawasaki motorcycles substantially similar to units sold in the United States. No campaign is to be conducted in the U.S. because the defective vehicles are only sold in Brazil, and the substantially similar vehicles sold in the U.S. do not contain the defect.

- 1) The manufacturer's name: Kawasaki Motores do Brasil LTDA.
- 2) Identification of the affected vehicles potentially containing the defect: The affected models are the 2011 model year ER650CBS, ER650DBS and EX650CBF, manufactured from January 13, 2011 to February 28, 2011.
- 3) The total number of vehicles potentially containing the defect: 276
- 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: The rear caliper bolts can loosen. If the bolt(s) loosen and fall out, there is a possibility that the rear brake will not function. Additionally, the rear caliper could disengage from the rear rotor and make contact with the rear wheel.  
Detailed: While re-painting caliper holders at Kawasaki Motores do Brasil LTDA a section of masking tape was applied on the seating area. After painting the tape was not removed before returning the holders to stock. The masking tape and/or remaining adhesive bond on the installation area can cause the caliper bolt to loosen. This could result in the rear caliper bolts loosening and falling out resulting in loss of rear brake function or the rear caliper from disengaging from the rear rotor.
- 5) The manner in which and the date when the information about the defect was obtained: The determination to conduct the recall was made on September 13, 2011.
- 6) A description of the manufacturer's program for remedying the defect: On all eligible units remove the caliper holder and check bolt hole area. If masking tape or adhesive residue remains, clean the affected area with contact cleaner or equivalent until all masking tape and residue are removed.

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- 7) The date the recall commenced: The recall commenced/will commence on: September 21, 2011.
- 8) Identification of all substantially similar models sold in the U.S. that are covered by the recall: The substantially similar U.S. model is 2011 model year EX650C.

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

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Russel Brenan", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Russel Brenan  
Manager, Government and Public Affairs