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Mr. Greg Rea  
Associate Administrator for Enforcement  
NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY  
ADMINISTRATION  
Attn: Early Warning Division (NVS-217)  
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE  
Washington, DC 20590

**Re: Foreign Recall Report**

Dear Mr. Rea,

On June 3, 2016, Honda Motor Co., Ltd. (HMC) decided to conduct a campaign to update the airbag inflators in certain airbag-equipped Gold Wing GL1800 motorcycles in Japan. 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. Kumamoto Factory (KSS)

**Manufacturer's Agent:** John Turley  
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**Identification of Potentially Affected Vehicles:**

<u>Make/Model</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Dates of Manufacture</u>
Honda GL1800	Certain 2012-2015 model year motorcycles	September 24, 2011 to September 11, 2015

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

The recall population was determined based on manufacturing records for GL 1800 motorcycles equipped with airbags.

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**Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Affected:** 900

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**Defect Description:**

According to analysis by Takata, which analysis is reflected in the equipment defect notifications (16E-042 and 16E-043) filed by Takata with NHTSA, the propellant wafers in some of the subject inflators may degrade over time, which could lead to over-aggressive combustion in the event the airbag is activated. Overly aggressive combustion creates excessive internal pressure when the inflator is activated, which may cause the inflator body to rupture. In the event of an inflator rupture, metal fragments could pass through the airbag cushion material possibly causing serious injury or fatality.

HMC's decision to conduct a campaign in Japan for MY 2012 – 2015 GL1800 motorcycles equipped with airbags that are not currently subject NHTSA recall 16V-347 followed a determination by Japan's Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transportation (MLIT) that all Takata non-desiccated driver airbag inflators should be recalled in Japan regardless of exposure to high absolute humidity and temperature cycling. Although the airbag inflators in MY2012-2015 GL1800 motorcycles are not driver airbag inflators in terms of design (rather, they are a variant of a passenger airbag inflator, PSPI-L), due to the functional similarities between an automobile driver airbag system and a motorcycle airbag system, HMC decided to include the MY2012-2016 GL1800 airbag equipped motorcycles in the campaign.

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**Campaign Being Conducted in:** Japan

**Safety Recall or Other Safety Campaign:** Other Safety Campaign

**Determination Made by:** Honda Motor Co., Ltd.

**Date of Determination:** June 3, 2016

**Date Recall will Commence:** June 10, 2016

**Manufacturer's Program for Remediating the Noncompliance:**

An airbag module of a different design will be installed in affected motorcycles, 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
2012-2015 GL1800 (airbag type)	2012-2015 GL1800 (airbag type)

**Reason U.S. Vehicles Not Affected**

According to the schedule set forth in NHTSA's May 4, 2016 Amendment to the November 3, 2015 Consent Order in EA15-001, certain 2006-2010 Honda Gold Wing motorcycles are currently under recall (16V-347); the remaining population of GL1800 airbag equipped motorcycles (MY2012-2015; there were no MY2011 GL1800 motorcycles produced) are slated by NHTSA for recall under a later phase.

Sincerely,

AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO., INC.



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