



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 06-044
Date Opened: 10/19/2006
Principal Investigator: Robert Young
Subject: Fuel Tank Leaks

Manufacturer: Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A.
Products: Kawasaki Model Years 2004-2006 EX250
Population: 25814 (ESTIMATED)

Problem Description: Fuel tank punctured by fairing retaining screw.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	0	0	0
Crashes/Fires:	0	0	0
Injury Incidents:	0	0	0
# Injuries:	0	0	0
Fatality Incidents:	0	0	0
# Fatalities:	0	0	0
Other*:	0	0	0

*Description Of Other:

Action: Open this investigation to learn more about this issue

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Date: 10/19/2006

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Date: 10/19/2006

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Summary: Early warning aggregate data submitted to NHTSA by Kawasaki suggests that a fuel tank leakage problem exists for the 2004-2006 EX250 "Ninja" Motorcycles. Submitted field reports consistently mention the tank is leaking fuel when it was punctured by either the right or left hand fairing retaining screw during vehicle assembly.

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