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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
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Washington, D.C. 20590**

SENT BY FAX AND EMAIL

March 5, 2009

Mr. Xiaotong Qi
President
Jonway Motorcycle USA Co., LTD
1503 Kelly Blvd.
Carrollton, TX 75006

NVS-214jry
PE09-006 & PE09-014

Dear Mr. Qi:

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is authorized to investigate vehicle problems and order manufacturers to conduct recalls for repair when our investigations indicate the existence of serious safety-related defects (49 U.S.C. § 30166.) The law provides that NHTSA may act only when such defects affect (or potentially affect) a number of vehicles, and/or associated equipment, and that these defects relate to highway safety.

Accompanying this letter are two “resumes” documenting our recent opening of two “Preliminary Evaluations” (PEs) to gather additional information about apparent safety issues involving Jonway “Sunny” model motorscooters.

PE09-006 involves a number of incidents of alleged front brake line abrasion/rupture. One crash, with injury, has allegedly resulted as a consequence. Apparently, the brake line is routed close to the front tire and brake failure may occur when the tire rubs through the line.

PE09-014 involves fuel leakage from subject motorscooters’ in-line fuel filter. Recently, we inspected a number of subject filters and confirmed their seal had failed.

Shortly you will be receiving a written request for additional information as we assess whether a safety-related recall should be conducted by Jonway to address these alleged issues.

Sincerely,

Bob Young
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ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 09-006
Date Opened: 2-3-09
Prompted by: IE09-009
Principal Investigator: *Bob Young*
Subject: Brake Failure

Manufacturer: Jonway Motorcycle USA, Co. Ltd.
Products: MY 2008 "Sunny" model motorscooter
Population: 3,000 (Estimated)

Problem Description: Front brake failure due to abraded hydraulic line.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints*:	1	0	1
Crashes/Fires:	1	0	0
Injury Incidents:	1	0	0
# Injuries:	1	0	0
Fatality Incidents:	0	0	0
# Fatalities:	0	0	0
Other**:	0	Unk	Unk

Description of * and **: One distributor reporting numerous incidents. **: No EWR reports filed.

Action: Open a Preliminary Evaluation

Engineer: *Bob Young*

Date: 02/3/2009

Div. Chief: *Richard Boyd*

Date: 02/3/2009

Office Dir.: *Kathleen C. DeMeter*

Date: 02/3/2009

Summary: A distributor/dealer of Jonway motorscooters reports numerous instances of front brake line rub-through by the front tire (see photo). One related injury crash is alleged. ODI's inspection of subject motorscooters found that the brake line is routed too close to the front tire.



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