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Investigation: PE 15-014
Date Opened: 04/20/2015
Investigator: Robert Young **Reviewer:** Bruce York-B
Approver: Otto Matheke
Subject: Inconsistent Throttle Response

MANUFACTURER & PRODUCT INFORMATION

Manufacturer: Honda (American Honda Motor Co.)
Products: 2012-14 GL1800
Population: 15,383

Problem Description: Pronounced engine stumble (near stall) when pulling away from stop with cold engine.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	29	TBD	29
Crashes/Fires:	0	TBD	0
Injury Incidents:	0	TBD	TBD
Number of Injuries:	0	TBD	TBD
Fatality Incidents:	0	TBD	TBD
Number of Fatalities:	0	TBD	TBD
Other*:	2	TBD	TBD

***Description of Other:** EWR field reports and web forum posting at: http://gl1800riders.com/forums/showthread.php?346166-2012-Stumble-when-cold-Denso-Spark-Plugs

ACTION / SUMMARY INFORMATION

Action: Open a Preliminary Evaluation (PE).

Summary:

Owners alleged near stalls occur while attempting to accelerate with a cold engine. Inconsistent engine response is challenging to the driver at low speeds when turning. This challenging steering scenario is described in most of the consumer complaints received by ODI.

To gather more information about this subject and the associated risk, we are opening this PE.

The ODI reports cited above can be reviewed at:
http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/owners/SearchNHTSAID
using the following complaint identification numbers:
10633401,10532249,10531538,10621114,10532620,10670092,10523914,
10632624,10577493,10639635,10639483,10550566,10523890,10532817,
10512486,10523515,10643482,10641998,10639538,10633110,10632569,
10631910,10572733,10549745,10548741,10548568,10546436,10532347,
10523017