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NVS-215
05V-010

Subject: HONDA/ MOTORCYCLES/COMBINED BRAKE SYSTEM LEAK

Dear MR. WILLEN:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect or noncompliance information report.
Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

HONDA/CBR1100XX/2002-2003
HONDA/ST1300/2003-2004
HONDA/ST1300A/2003-2004
HONDA/VFR800/2002-2004
HONDA/VFR800A/2003-2004
HONDA/GL1800/2002-2004
HONDA/GL1800A/2002-2004

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-010

Recall Date: January 18, 2005

Components:

SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC

Potential Number of Units Affected: 36046

Summary:

CERTAIN MOTORCYCLES EQUIPPED WITH COMBINED-BRAKE SYSTEMS HAVE A PROPORTIONING CONTROL VALVE (PCV) THAT MECHANICALLY PROPORTIONS BRAKE FORCE WHEN THE REAR BRAKE IS APPLIED. A SEAL IN SOME PCVS IS IMPROPERLY SHAPED, AND BRAKE FLUID LEAKAGE MAY OCCUR.

Consequence:

IF THE MOTORCYCLE CONTINUES TO BE USED AFTER A LEAK OCCURS, THE REAR BRAKE WOULD EVENTUALLY BECOME INOPERATIVE. A LOSS OF REAR BRAKE FORCE COULD INCREASE THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSPECT THE REAR BRAKE FOR LEAKAGE. IF LEAKAGE IS CONFIRMED, THE DEALER WILL REPLACE THE PCV. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON FEBRUARY 3, 2005. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT HONDA AT 866-784-1870.

Notes:

HONDA RECALL NO. P65. CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S AUTO SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236.

As stated in Part 573.6, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. As stated in your report, the recall is expected to begin on February 3, 2005. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by April 30, 2005.

Your contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov or delia.lopez@nhtsa.dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



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