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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

January 18, 2006

ROGER HAGIE
KAWASAKI MOTORS CORP., U.S.A.
9950 JERONIMO ROAD
IRVINE CA 92618-2084

NVS-215
06V-005

Subject: LOWER FORK TRIPLE CLAMP

Dear MR. HAGIE:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:
KAWASAKI/BN125/2006

NHTSA Campaign Number: 06V-005

Mfg's Report Date: January 3, 2006

Components: STEERING

Potential Number of Units Affected: 103

Summary:

ON CERTAIN MOTORCYCLES, THE PINCH BOLT HOLE ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE LOWER FRONT FORK TRIPLE CLAMP WAS NOT THREADED TO THE FULL DESIGN DEPTH. THIS ALLOWED THE PINCH BOLT TO BE TIGHTENED TO ITS DESIGNED TORQUE VALUE, BUT DID NOT PROVIDE SUFFICIENT CLAMPING FORCE ON THE LEFT FORK TUBE.

Consequence:

THIS CONDITION COULD CAUSE STEERING PROBLEMS AND CREATE THE POTENTIAL FOR A CRASH RESULTING IN INJURY OR DEATH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL TAP ADDITIONAL THREADS INTO THE LOWER FORK HOLDER CLAMPING BOLT HOLE FREE OF CHARGE. OWNERS MAY CONTACT KAWASAKI AT 866-802-9381.

Notes:

CUSTOMERS MAY ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6 except for the following items:

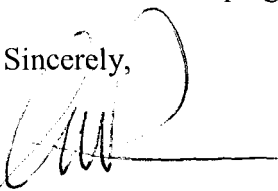
Please provide us with the beginning and ending manufacturing dates of the motorcycles involved as well as the date Kawasaki became aware of the recall.

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, 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, owner notification is expected to begin on January 16, 2006. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by April 30, 2006.

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,



George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement