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NVS-21530
06V-025

Subject: FUEL TANK INSPECTION/REPLACEMENT

Dear MR. BUSH:

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:

SUZUKI/VL1500/1998-2006
SUZUKI/VL1500T/2005-2006

NHTSA Campaign Number: 06V-025

Mfg's Report Date: January 26, 2006

Components: FUEL SYSTEM, GASOLINE:STORAGE:TANK ASSEMBLY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 37,911

Summary:

ON CERTAIN MOTORCYCLES, REPEATED STRESS AROUND THE RIGHT FRONT FUEL TANK MOUNTING POINT CAN CAUSE A HAIRLINE CRACK TO FORM DUE TO METAL FATIGUE. THIS CAN RESULT IN A FUEL LEAK.

Consequence:

IN THE PRESENCE OF AN IGNITION SOURCE, FUEL LEAKAGE CAN CAUSE A FIRE.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSPECT THE FUEL TANK AND INSTALL IMPROVED CUSHIONS THAT MOUNT AND SUPPORT THE FUEL TANK. ANY FUEL TANKS THAT ARE FOUND TO HAVE A CRACK WILL BE REPLACED. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING FEBRUARY 2006. OWNERS MAY CONTACT SUZUKI AT 1-714-572-1490.

Notes:

SUZUKI RECALL NO. 2087. 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).

This recall was the subject of a Preliminary Evaluation, PE05-031, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

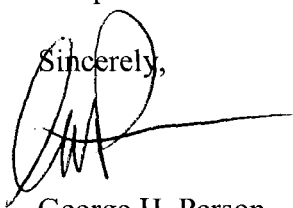
The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

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 required 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 during February 2006. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before 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,



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