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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215
06V-130

Subject: STEERING DAMPER BOLT

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/ZX1000D6F/2006
KAWASAKI/ZX1000D6F/L/2006

NHTSA Campaign Number: 06V-130

Mfg's Report Date: April 19, 2006

Components: STEERING: WHEEL AND HANDLE BAR

Potential Number of Units Affected: 6,746

Summary:

ON CERTAIN MOTORCYCLES, THE BOLT THAT ATTACHES THE STEERING DAMPER BODY TO THE FRAME BRACKET MAY NOT HAVE BEEN TIGHTENED SUFFICIENTLY DURING VEHICLE ASSEMBLY.

Consequence:

IF THE BOLT LOOSENS AND BACKS OUT COMPLETELY, THE STEERING DAMPER COULD INHIBIT FREE MOVEMENT OF THE STEERING ASSEMBLY CAUSING A LOSS OF STEERING CONTROL. THIS COULD INCREASE THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL TIGHTEN THE STEERING DAMPER BOLT TO THE PROPER TORQUE AND INSPECT THE DAMPER MOVEMENT. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON MAY 1, 2006. OWNERS MAY CONTACT KAWASAKI AT 1-866-802-9381.

Notes:

CUSTOMERS MAY 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).

Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

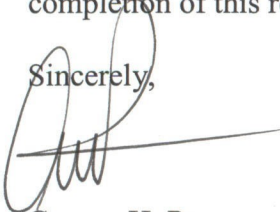
Please provide us with the beginning and ending dates for the build date range [of motorcycles] affected by this recall.

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 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 May 2006. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before July 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