



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

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**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

*May 26, 2006*

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

NVS-215  
06V-184

Subject: VEHICLE DOWN SENSOR 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/ZX1400A6F/2006

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 06V-184

**Mfg's Report Date:** May 26, 2006

**Components:** STRUCTURE

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 2,167

**Summary:**

ON CERTAIN MOTORCYCLES, THE BOLTS HOLDING THE VEHICLE DOWN SENSOR MAY COME LOOSE AND ALLOW THE SENSOR TO FALL OUT OF ITS MOUNTING BRACKET.

**Consequence:**

IF THE BOLTS LOOSEN AND THE VEHICLE DOWN SENSOR COMES OUT OF ITS BRACKET, THE ENGINE MAY STOP DURING THE VEHICLE OPERATION CREATING THE POTENTIAL FOR A CRASH RESULTING IN INJURY OR DEATH.

**Remedy:**

DEALERS WILL TIGHTEN THE VEHICLE DOWN SENSOR MOUNTING BOLTS TO THE PROPER TORQUE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON MAY 26, 2006. 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).

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 vehicles] 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 on May 26, 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](mailto:patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov) or [delia.lopez@NHTSA.dot.gov](mailto:delia.lopez@NHTSA.dot.gov). We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



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Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement