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January 11, 2006

Mr. George Person
Recall Analysis Division
Office of Defects Investigation Safety Assurance
NHTSA
400 Seventh St., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Recall No. (not assigned) Supplemental Information

Dear Mr. Person:

Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A. ("KMC") hereby provides additional information needed to fully comply with the reporting requirements of 49CFR 573.5 (c). This correspondence supplements the previous Defect Report dated January 3, 2006.

6) A chronology of all principal events that were the basis for the determination that the defect related to motor vehicle safety, including a summary of all warranty claims, filed or service reports, and other information with their dates of receipt:

11/15/05 - KMT (vehicle manufacturer) discovers unit on production line with pinch bolt tightened to specified torque, but not properly seated in hole. KMT checks dimensions and specifications and discovers thread machining of insufficient depth.

11/18/05 - KMT informs fork assembly vendor (Showa), who begins investigation of machining process.

11/18/05 - KMT checks other assembled units and discovers previously manufactured units with same problem. KMT reports information to vehicle designer Kawasaki Heavy Industries, Ltd. ("KHI").

11/25/05 - KHI concludes engineering evaluation. KHI determines fork assembly suffers reduction of linear clamping force when fork leg is secured by properly torqued top triple clamp bolt only, as opposed to both top and bottom triple clamp bolts properly tightened. Recognizes possibility for looseness to develop, with potential degradation of handling integrity.

12/16/05 - KHI receives vendor report, allowing isolation of problem to units assembled in September, 2005.

12/21/05 - KHI determined existence of defect, notifies KMC and instructs initiation of Recall.

(7) The manner in which and the date when the information about the defect was obtained: See above.

9) A representative copy of all notices, bulletins and other communications that relate directly to the defect or noncompliance: A copy of the customer notification letter and Recall Service Bulletin are enclosed.

Please contact the undersigned if there are any questions regarding information in this submission, or if additional information is required.

Sincerely,
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ELIMINATOR® 125 LOWER FORK TRIPLE CLAMP

WARNING AND RECALL NOTICE

January 2006

KAWASAKI CUSTOMER
234 ELM LANE
ANYTOWN, CA 99999-2222

MODEL 000001 TEST
ENGINE: ENGINE0002
FRAME: 00000000
0000000000

Dear Kawasaki Motorcycle Owner:

This notice has been sent to you in accordance with requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

The reason for this notice:

Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A. has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in 2006 Eliminator 125 (BN125A6F) models.

On eligible units, 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. This condition could cause steering problems and create the potential for a crash resulting in injury or death. Our records indicate that you have bought one of these units.

What Kawasaki and your dealer will do:

Your Kawasaki dealer will correct this problem for you at no charge. The repair consists of tapping additional threads into the lower fork holder clamping bolt hole. The actual repair will take up to half an hour but may take longer due to scheduling at the dealership.

What you must do to ensure your safety:

Please call your authorized Kawasaki motorcycle dealer immediately to schedule an appointment and take this letter with you at the time of your appointment.

DO NOT RIDE YOUR MOTORCYCLE UNTIL THIS REPAIR HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

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If you need help:

If you have questions or concerns that your dealer is not able to resolve, or you experienced the failure described above prior to receiving this letter and paid to have it corrected, please contact Kawasaki's Consumer Services Department:

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ATTN: Consumer Services Department
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If your dealer fails or is unable to remedy this defect without charge within a reasonable amount of time (60 days after you first attempt to obtain remedy), you may submit a written complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street SW, Washington, D.C. 20590, or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1(888) 327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

If you received this notice in error:

Our records indicate you are the current owner of the Eliminator 125 described in this letter. If you no longer have the vehicle described in this letter, or if it has been repaired, please help us to update our records by calling Kawasaki toll free at (866) 802-9381. Federal regulation requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause, but we have taken this action in the interest of your safety and your continued satisfaction with your Kawasaki motorcycle.

Sincerely,

KAWASAKI MOTORS CORP., U.S.A.

MODEL: 2006 ELIMINATOR* 125 (BN125A6F)

TITLE: LOWER FORK TRIPLE CLAMP

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RECALL

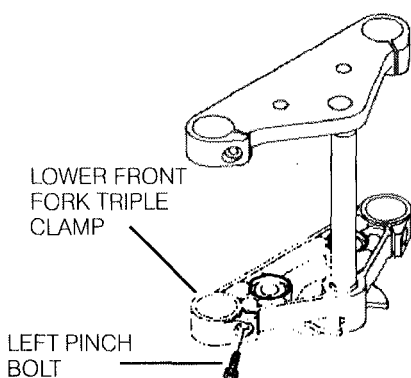
THIS BULLETIN IS OF THE HIGHEST PRIORITY AND MUST BE ACTED UPON IMMEDIATELY TO ENSURE CUSTOMER SAFETY.

Eligibility**Eligible Units**

Model	Vehicle Identification Number Range
BN125A6F	JKABNRA1✓6DA14009 thru 14208

Please check VSI (Vehicle Service Inquiry) in K-Dealer for other possible repair campaigns for eligible units.

Kawasaki will repair some units prior to you receiving them. Repair can be verified using VSI or by the Repair Verification mark. See Repair Verification section for details.

**Subject**

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Kawasaki Action**Initiate Recall Campaign:**

Kawasaki has initiated a Recall campaign to repair all eligible units. The repair consists of tapping additional threads into the left side pinch bolt hole of the lower fork triple clamp.

Notify Registered Owners:

Kawasaki is sending a Recall letter to all registered owners of eligible units. A copy of the letter is printed on the last page of this bulletin.

Dealer Action**Repair Eligible Units:**

Repair all eligible units including sold units in the field and unsold units in your dealership inventory prior to delivery to the retail purchaser. It is the obligation of authorized Kawasaki retail Dealers to repair eligible units in Dealer's possession prior to retail sale. Failure to comply with this obligation to repair all units eligible for Recall or FDM campaigns by the Dealer constitutes a breach of the Dealer Sales and Service Agreement. Refer to Service Policies bulletin SP 05-01. Refer to the Repair Procedure section of the bulletin for repair details.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

- o *It's the law! Under the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Federal Law 49 U.S.C. Section 30120(i) requires dealers to perform Recall repairs before delivering any vehicle affected by the Recall to a purchaser.*

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Document Completed Repairs:

Federal law requires manufacturers to maintain accurate follow-up records on repairs performed on eligible units. Dealers MUST submit a Warranty Claim for each repair. Refer to the Warranty Information section of this bulletin for details.

NOTE:

- o *If you fail to submit a Warranty Claim for a new unit that is subsequently sold and registered, the new owner will receive the Recall letter requesting the return of the vehicle to you for repair.*

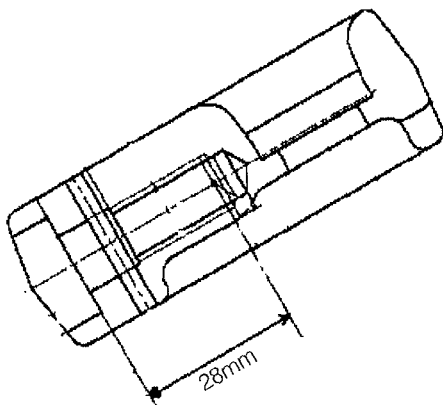
Submit Product Registration:

Submit the product registration to Kawasaki immediately after retail sale of any eligible unit. Be sure to supply the correct customer name and address. Kawasaki uses the product registration information for customer notification.

Also, if you know that the customer has moved, please submit a Customer Update to the Warranty Department.

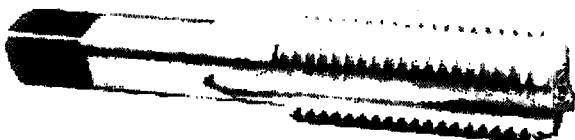
Repair Procedure

- Remove the left fork pinch bolt from the lower fork triple clamp.
- Using a 10x1.25mm bottoming type tap and cutting oil, cut additional threads in the left lower clamp. Cut the threads at least 28mm deep.



NOTE:

- o *A bottoming tap is flat on the end with little taper so that threads can be cut to nearly the bottom of the hole.*



NOTE:

- o *Use plenty of cutting oil.*
- o *It may be necessary to back the tap out, clean the chips from the tap and bolt hole, re-oil, then thread the tap back in to make sure the hole is properly threaded to the bottom.*
- o *Do not to force the tap. As the tap nears the bottom, be cautious not to break the tap as it bottoms in the hole.*
- Clean the threads using air and oil-less solvent. Be sure to remove all metal chips from the bolt hole.

NOTE:

- o *Wear eye protection. Be cautious not to blow solvent or metal into your eyes and face when cleaning the bolt hole.*
- Clean the threads and inspect the bolt. Replace if it is damaged.
- Install the bolt dry and tighten.

Torque

Front Fork Pinch Bolt 35 N-m (3.6 kgf-m, 26 ft-lb).

Parts Information

No parts are required for this repair.

Warranty Information

This is a safety Recall campaign. Repair is authorized regardless of ownership or warranty status. Repairs **MUST BE PERFORMED IMMEDIATELY ON ALL ELIGIBLE UNITS** in the field and during initial assembly and preparation. See the Warranty Policies and Procedures Manual (claim type 3 information) for detailed instructions when submitting the Warranty Claim.

WARRANTY INFORMATION

Job Code:	22184
Time:	0.3 hr.
Failure Date:	Same as Repair Date
Claim Type:	3
Problem Part Number:	44037-1361
Problem Part:	Holder-fork under
Quantity:	0

Repair Verification

After completing the repair, make a small punch mark before the VIN as shown.



NOTE:

- o Repair verification is an essential part of the repair procedure. Along with the physical repair verification mark, check VSI (Vehicle Service Inquiry) in K-Dealer for other possible repair campaigns for eligible units.

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