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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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9950 JERONIMO ROAD
IRVINE CA 92618-2084

NVS-215paw
07V-003

Subject: FUEL TANK

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/EX250F18/2004
KAWASAKI/EX250F18L/2004
KAWASAKI/EX250F19/2005
KAWASAKI/EX250F19L/2005
KAWASAKI/EX250F6F/2006
KAWASAKI/EX250F6FL/2006
KAWASAKI/EX250F7F/2007
KAWASAKI/EX250F7FL/2007

NHTSA Campaign Number: 07V-003

Mfg's Report Date: January 2, 2007

Components: FUEL SYSTEM, GASOLINE:STORAGE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 29,559

Summary:

ON CERTAIN NINJA MOTORCYCLES, THE FUEL TANK MAY HAVE BEEN PUNCTURED OR WEAKENED BY A FAIRING MOUNTING SCREW OR MANUFACTURING OPERATION.

Consequence:

FUEL LEAKAGE IN THE PRESENCE OF AN IGNITION SOURCE COULD RESULT IN A FIRE.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSPECT THE FUEL TANK AND REPLACE THE TANK IF NECESSARY. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR ABOUT JANUARY 12, 2007. OWNERS MAY CONTACT KAWASAKI AT 1- 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).

This recall was the subject of a Preliminary Evaluation, PE06-044, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

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 on or about January 12, 2007. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before April 30, 2007.

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@dot.gov or delia.lopez@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'G. Person', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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