

March 16, 2007

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REVISED

Mr. Daniel Smith  
Associate Administrator for Enforcement  
Office of Safety Assurance  
NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY  
ADMINISTRATION  
400 Seventh St., S.W.  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Mr. Smith:

On March 9, 2007, Honda Motor Co., Ltd. (HMC) determined that a defect relating to motor vehicle safety exists in the vehicles listed below, and is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reports.

573.6(c)(1)

**Name of manufacturer:** Honda Motor Co., Ltd. (HMC)

**Manufacturer's agent:** William R. Willen  
American Honda Motor Co., Inc. (AHM)  
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573.6(c)(2)

**Identification of potentially affected vehicles:**

<u>Make/Model</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>VIN/Dates of Manufacture</u>
Honda CMX250C	certain 2007 model year	JH2MC13007K300001 – JH2MC13067K307108 JH2MC13147K300001 – JH2MC13167K300912 June 28, 2006 to Feb. 1, 2007

**Description of the basis for the determination of the recall population:**

The affected vehicle identification was based on manufacturing records. The VINs and manufacturing dates are inclusive of all vehicles that could potentially contain the defect.

573.6(c)(3)

**Total number of vehicles potentially affected:** 8,020

573.6(c)(4)

**Percentage of affected vehicles that contain the defect:** Unknown

573.6(c)(5)

**Defect description:**

A small number of 2007 CMX250 motorcycles, may have a defective crankcase breather separator. During the molding process, the breather passage may have been blocked by a thin layer of the injected plastic material. This blockage will create a build-up of pressure inside the crankcase and may cause the left side engine seal to be pushed out of position and an oil leak will occur. Oil leaking from the failed seal while riding can spray onto the rear tire or the road, increasing the risk of a crash.

573.6(c)(6)

**Chronology:**

Feb. 13, 2007	AHM QIC informed HMC that AHM had received 2 field reports of the left side engine seal leaking.
Feb. 14, 2007	HMC initiated an investigation.
Mar. 9, 2007	HMC completed the investigation and determined that a safety-related defect exists.

573.6(c)(8)(i)

**Program for remedying the defect:**

The owners of all affected vehicles will be contacted by mail and asked to take their vehicle to a Honda motorcycle dealer. The dealer will replace the breather separator, free of charge.

573.6(c)(8)(ii)

**The estimated date to e-mail preliminary notification to dealers:** March 14, 2007

**The estimated date to provide service bulletin to dealers:** TBD

**The estimated date to begin sending notifications to owners:** TBD

**The estimated date of completion of the notification:** TBD

573.6(c)(9)

**Representative copies of all notices, bulletins and other communications:**

A copy of the dealer service bulletin and text of the final customer notification letter will be submitted to your office as soon as possible.

573.6(c)(10)

**Proposed owner notification letter submission:**

A draft of the owner notification letter will be submitted to your office as soon as possible.

573.6(c)(11)

**Manufacturer's campaign number:**

TBD

Sincerely,

AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO., INC.

*William R. Willen by K. Amerson Esq.*

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