

December 6, 2007

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Mr. Daniel C. Smith
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY
ADMINISTRATION
Attn: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

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DEFECTS INVESTIGATION
RECALL MGMT DIV.

Dear Mr. Smith:

On November 28, 2007, Honda Motor Co., Ltd. (HMC) determined that a potential defect relating to motor vehicle safety exists in the fuel vent pipe of 2006-2007 model year CBR1000RR motorcycles, 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)
1919 Torrance Blvd.
Torrance, CA 90501-2746

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Identification of potentially affected vehicles:

<u>Make/Model</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>VIN Range/Dates of Manufacture</u>
Honda CBR1000RR	2006 model year	JH2SC57046M200004 ~ JH2SC570X6M213002 November 3, 2005 ~ April 4, 2006
		JH2SC57106M200008 ~ JH2SC57106M201661 November 3, 2005 ~ March 27, 2006
Honda CBR1000RR	2007 model year	JH2SC57037M300001 ~ JH2SC57097M308281 July 11, 2006 ~ March 5, 2007
		JH2SC574X7M300001 ~ JH2SC57477M301073 December 1, 2006 ~ February 19, 2007
		JH2SC57127M300001 ~ JH2SC57167M301247 September 7, 2006 ~ January 11, 2007
		JH2SC57597M300001 ~ JH2SC575X7M300203 December 1, 2006 ~ January 24, 2007

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

The recall population was based on manufacturing records. The VIN range reflects all possible vehicles that could potentially experience the problem.

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Total number of potentially affected vehicles: 25,422

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Percentage of affected vehicles that contain the defect: unknown

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Defect description:

Some 2006-2007 CBR1000RR motorcycles have an improperly welded vent pipe in the bottom of the fuel tank. Due to vibration the improperly welded tanks may crack and drip fuel. In the presence of an ignition source, dripping fuel poses the risk of fire or explosion.

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Chronology:

Nov. 21, 2007	HMC decided to conduct a Non-compliance recall for Japan market.
Nov. 22, 2007	AHM notified to NHTSA by phone.
Nov. 28, 2007	AHM had a meeting with NHTSA
Nov. 29, 2007	HMC decided to conduct a safety recall as a past precedent of others

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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 inspect and if necessary replace the fuel tank, free of charge.

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Date of e-mail notification to dealers:	Dec. 6, 2007
The estimated date to provide service bulletin to dealers:	Dec. 13, 2007
The estimated date to begin sending customer letters to owners:	Dec. 17, 2007
The estimated date of completion of the notification:	Dec. 17, 2007

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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.

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Proposed owner notification letter submission:

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

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Manufacturer's campaign number:
Q67

Sincerely,

AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO., INC.



William R. Willen
Managing Counsel
Product Regulatory Office

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