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Dear Dealer:

Below is the content of a Customer Letter we recently sent to owners of affected 2002-2005 VFR800 models, notifying them of a pending Safety Recall on their motorcycle. Please take a few moments to familiarize yourself with this letter, and share it with all dealership personnel who may speak with affected customers.

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## **INTERIM LETTER TO OWNERS**

### **IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL NOTICE**

Dear VFR800 Owner:

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

#### **What is the reason for this notice?**

Honda Motor Co., Ltd. has decided that a defect relating to motor vehicle safety exists in the wiring harness of certain 2002-2005 model year VFR800 motorcycles. Under certain conditions, the ground wire terminals inside the connector between the main wiring harness and fairing sub-harness can overheat, resulting in melting of the connector and a loss of power to various circuits. As a result, a loss of critical lighting or engine power could occur without warning, which could result in a crash.

#### **What should you do?**

Honda strongly recommends that you do not ride your VFR until it has been repaired. Parts will be available soon. We will send you another letter notifying you when you can go to your Honda motorcycle dealer to have the repair completed.

If you must operate the vehicle prior to repair, perform the following:

1. Remove or disconnect all electrical accessories – the additional electrical load of accessory circuits and higher than standard wattage headlamp bulbs can rapidly deteriorate the ground wire terminal.

2. Switch the headlamps to the low beam position and only ride during daylight hours – the additional electrical load of the high beam headlamps can accelerate any deterioration of the ground wire terminal which may already be present.
3. Closely monitor the behavior of the instrument panel indicator lamps and headlamp relay. Any flashing or abnormal behavior of the indicators or a buzzing sound from the headlamp relay (below instrument panel) is one of the first signs of a failing ground terminal connection.

If you do not feel qualified to carry out the steps listed above, please do not ride your VFR until it has been repaired.

**▲ WARNING**

Riding your VFR with a failing ground terminal connection could result in loss of lighting or engine stall which could lead to the rider being seriously hurt or even killed. Do not ride your VFR until the wiring harness has been repaired. If you must ride your VFR, follow the instructions above.

**What to do if you feel this notice is in error.**

This notice was mailed to you according to the most current information we have available. If you no longer own this vehicle, or some information in this notice is incorrect, please fill out and return the included, postage-paid Information Change Card. This will help us update our records.

**If you have questions.**

If you have questions about this notice, or need assistance with locating a Honda dealer, please call Honda Motorcycle Customer Service at (866) 784-1870.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you.

Thank you for your purchase of a Honda VFR and your cooperation.

Sincerely,  
**American Honda Motor Co., Inc.**  
**Motorcycle Division**

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Thank you for your cooperation.  
**American Honda Motor Co., Inc.**



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